

AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 67

Subject: Authorize award and execution of an 18-month requirements service contract with AUSTIN ARBORIST COMPANY DBA AUSTIN TREE EXPERTS, Austin, TX., for a tree preventative maintenance program as part of the Waller Creek Tunnel Project in an estimated amount not to exceed \$233,802.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No Subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Related to the Waller Creek Tunnel construction project, this is a service contract that will assist in protecting trees that could be otherwise adversely affected by the construction activities associated with this project. This preventative maintenance plan was developed with input from the City Arborist, Parks Board, Environmental Board, Urban Forestry Board and local tree experts.

The scope of work for this contract consists of all materials, labor, and miscellaneous appurtenances required for proper pre-construction maintenance of the trees in the Waller Creek Tunnel construction zone for more than a year. Specifically, it includes the development and implementation of a plan by a certified arborist in coordination with City Arborists, proper watering, soil testing, fertilization, pruning, root treatment, and tree relocation services as needed to prepare the construction site for the future activity.

The purpose of the Tunnel is to divert the 100-year storm event flows from lower Waller Creek and thereby remove a significant portion of downtown Austin from the 100-year flood plain of Waller Creek. The project originates in Waterloo Park, where a pond and an inlet structure will accept the flows from the upper creek and convey flows to the tunnel. The tunnel will discharge flows at the Outlet facility on the shores of Lady Bird Lake. The Inlet location is on park land and required Chapter 26 mitigation.

MBE/WBE solicited: 27/17 MBE/WBE bid: 0 /0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Two hundred and eleven notices were sent, including 27 MBEs and 17 WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. This is the first contract of this type service; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Parks and Recreation Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and the Internet.