



TO: MBE/WBE and Small Business Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Veronica Briseño Lara, Director, Small and Minority Business Resources Department
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SUBJECT: Participation of CAS Consulting Services on Waller Creek Tunnel Project

On May 20, 1999, City Council approved a contract with Espey/KBR Services Joint Venture to provide preliminary and design engineering services for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project. Espey/KBR's Compliance Plan met the established MBE/WBE aggregate goals of MBE 8.6% and WBE 18.2% by identifying four certified firms (1-MBE-Hispanic and 3-WBEs). On August 30, 2007, City Council approved an amendment to the existing contract with Espey/KBR Services to include Phase 2 (design/bid) and Phase 3 (construction management and warranty assistance) engineering services for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project. Prior to Council approval, Espey/KBR met with City staff and agreed to amend the MBE/WBE solicitation goals originally set for the project to the standard ethnic subgoals being used on professional service contracts at that time. These amended goals were African American 1.7%, Hispanic 9.5%, Asian/Native American 5.3% and WBE 14.2%.

In order to comply with the amended goals, Espey/KBR submitted a Request for Change on July 26, 2007 to add a total of 13 certified firms (3-African American, 3-Hispanic, 3-Asian, and 4-WBEs). Based on the documentation that was submitted CAS Consulting (MBE/MA) was added to the project to "coordinate utility relocations, assist in developing MBE/WBE contracting strategies, and provide general civil engineering services for small bid packages." These services were within the purview of their certified commodity codes in 2007 which included: Civil Engineering, Designing Services, Construction Management, Construction Consulting and Project Scheduling. Specifically, CAS was responsible for reviewing and designing the utility relocation lines, creating and providing input on bid packaging, managing the bid packaging (coordinating pre-bids/kick-offs and managing construction phase services), and providing input in the creation of smaller bid packages to assist small business participation. Group Solutions, RJW (MBE/FB), was also added to provide public outreach services for this project and has been used to date for this service.

Espey/KBR's current MBE/WBE contracted participation on the project is African American 1.80%, Hispanic 6.3%, Asian/Native American 10.20%, and WBE 16.60%. Espey/KBR's plan is to exceed the subgoals, dependent upon the services materializing throughout the duration of the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 974-2156.

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