Thursday, December 9, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 6

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with MUNIZ CONCRETE & CONTRACTING, INC., (MBE/MH-20.74%) Austin, TX, for the Austin History Center Exterior Restoration and ADA Accessible Ramp Addition in an amount not to exceed \$89,389.79.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Library Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of 5 bids.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 20.74% MBE prime and 61.62% MBE and 11.24% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Historic Landmark Commission.

The Austin History Center (810 Guadalupe Street) is a historical building and landmark architecture, which was constructed in 1933 as Austin's main library, and now serves as Austin's archival repository. It is a facility much loved and used extensively by the community. There are frequent requests from the downtown community to restore the building's significant architecture to its former attractiveness and usefulness.

This project will help restore the exterior of the building to a state of structural soundness and aesthetic attractiveness through the deconstruction and replacement of its obsolete and failing wheel chair lift with a more efficient and effective wheel chair ramp.

The new work will include coursed limestone and architectural guardrails designed to match the existing building. This project will also involve the protection of the existing structure from damage during construction.

The contract allows for 90 calendar days for completion of this project.