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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	54035	Agenda Number	43.
Meeting Date:		January 28, 2016			
Department:		Purchasing			
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with ENVIRONMENTAL TREE AND DESIGN INC., or the other qualified offeror to Request for Proposal EAD0123REBID, for tree relocation and care services in an amount not to exceed \$125,500. Related to Items # 22 and # 23.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget for the Economic Development Department.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:		Best evaluated proposal of two proposals received.			
Prior Council Action:		December 13, 2007—Council approved Seaholm Development District Designation and initiated rezoning (Resolution 20071213-118). February 14, 2008 - Council approved criteria and guidelines for Request for Proposals (Resolution 20080214-054). February 28, 2008 – Council approved evaluation criteria for Request for Proposals (Resolution 20080228-074). June 18, 2008 – Council authorized negotiation and execution of exclusive negotiating agreement with TC Austin Development, Inc., Construction Ventures, and USAA (Resolution 20080618-024). May 24, 2012 - Council approved an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Development Agreement with TC GREEN WATER MASTER DEVELOPER, LLC, for the sale and redevelopment of the property formerly occupied by the Green Water Treatment Plant; adopting building access and area of refuge requirements; waiving City Code Sections 25-1-112 and 25-8-641; and approving a managed growth agreement (Resolution 20120524-012).			

For More Information:	Erin D'Vincent, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-974-3070
Boards and Commission Action:	
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide for tree relocation and care services for a heritage live oak tree located on the former Green Water Treatment Plant. The tree will be moved to a site across Shoal Creek adjacent to the New Central Library now under construction at Cesar Chavez and West Avenue.

The City issued a solicitation for the sale and redevelopment of the former Thomas C. Green Water Treatment Plant (GWTP) in 2008. In 2012, Trammell Crow was selected to be the master developer of the site. Several mature trees which did not interfere with the deconstruction of the treatment plant were left in place pending finalization of Trammell Crow's redevelopment proposal. Although the City did not require retention of the trees, the Heritage Tree Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20100204-038) was adopted during the negotiation process, and Trammell Crow was encouraged to save all viable heritage trees by either incorporating them into the redevelopment plans or by relocating them when deemed feasible. In July 2013, under the master development agreement, the City and Trammell Crow entered into an ancillary agreement which implemented tree preservation goals on the GWTP site.

A tree assessment was performed on the trees located on the GWTP site, and a 28 inch wide heritage live oak was determined a good candidate for relocation. A suitable site for relocation was found on the west bank of Shoal Creek, adjacent to the new Central Library. The tree is estimated to be relocated to that site by March 2016.

Subject to Council authorization, the City and Trammell Crow will enter into a reimbursement agreement whereby the City will initially fund the relocation of the heritage tree, and Trammell Crow will reimburse the City for the cost of the tree relocation upon their purchase of Block 185. The window of opportunity to transplant the tree adjacent to the New Central Library is anticipated to close before Trammell Crow is ready to acquire Block 185 for redevelopment. Additionally, Trammell Crow will have an obligation to provide post-relocation tree care for five years.

This contract needs to be approved in January 2016 to allow Environmental Tree and Design Inc. enough time to complete the tree condition assessment, relocation pre-treatment, and physical relocation by March 2016.

MBE/WBE solicited: 29/12

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 338 notices were sent including 29 MBEs and 12 WBEs. Two proposals were received with no response

from the MBEs/WBEs. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor, e.g. one vendor may have multiple email addresses/fax numbers.

- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal of two proposals received.
- b. The Purchasing Office recommends contract award consistent with the evaluation committee.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the internet.