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Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

59166

Agenda Number

10.

Meeting Date:

June 23, 2016

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with BLASTCO TEXAS, INC., for the Lost Creek # 1 and # 2 Reservoir Improvements project in the amount of \$1,747,612 plus a \$174,761.20 contingency for a total contact amount not to exceed \$1,922,373.20.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of three bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

June 8, 2016 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 7-0 with Commission Lee off the dais and Commissioner's Kellough, Ho, and Fishbeck Maia absent.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 2.15% MBE and 16.20% WBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

The Lost Creek # 1 and # 2 reservoirs are 500,000 gallon and 750,000 gallon (respectively) potable water storage reservoirs. This project is part of an annual recoating and safety improvement program for water storage reservoirs.

This contract includes recoating, structural, security, site, and safety improvements to the Lost Creek # 1 and # 2 reservoirs and site. Work on this project includes preparing the surface and coating the interior and exterior portion of the two steel reservoirs. It also includes installing structural and safety improvements, new cathodic protection systems, new roof hatches and vents, and repairs and restoration to aged equipment.

An allowance of \$50,000 is included to address miscellaneous welding needs and is included in the contractors bid. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unanticipated conditions or changes, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

Area stakeholders have been informed about the project through meetings with the municipal utility district. They will also be informed during the construction process through periodic electronic communications, special hardcopy notices, and communication with the neighborhood association.

It is important that the work on this project be performed during the fall, winter, or spring months due to the milder weather conditions and low water demand. In addition, the coatings are sensitive to tank wall temperatures and cannot be applied properly in hot temperatures. Therefore, the request is time sensitive in that the work needs to begin and be completed during the cooler months. As well, the City will be occupying an easement located on a neighboring playground for staging. The use of the easement allows for only the months of September 2016 to June of 2017.

The contract allows 240 days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78746 (this neighborhood was recently annexed and has yet to be assigned a City District). This project will be managed by Austin Water.

Blastco Texas, Inc. is located in Channelview, TX.

Information on this solicitation, including bid tabulation, is on file with the City's Capital Contracting Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).