**Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)**

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**Meeting Date:** December 1, 2016

**Department:** Capital Contracting Office

**Subject**

Authorize execution of a construction contract with SJ LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, LTD for the Parmer Lane Interceptor project, in the amount of $24,878,484 plus a $2,487,848 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed $27,366,332. (District 6) Related to Item # 13.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 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:**

- July 23, 2009 – Council approved a professional services agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc.

**For More Information:**

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**Boards and Commission Action:**

- November 9, 2016 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioners Parker and Turrieta 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) by meeting the goals with 4.31% MBE and 0.81% WBE participation.
In 2008 the City acquired the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Lake Creek and Rattan Creek lift stations with the annexation of the Anderson Mill Municipal Utility District. After more than 20 years in service the Lake Creek and Rattan Creek lift stations have required significant maintenance and are no longer able to handle the additional flow from the Municipal Utility District with its continuing growth.

This project involves the installation approximately 12,000 feet of 42-inch diameter wastewater pipeline along Parmer Lane between Anderson Mill and McNeil roads. Construction of the interceptor will provide additional capacity to carry wastewater flow and reduce operating expenses by removing aged and underperforming wastewater facilities. Once the pipeline is installed, wastewater will flow by gravity to the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant allowing the decommissioning of the Lake Creek and Rattan Creek lift stations. The decommissioning of these lift stations will increase reliability and lower operation and maintenance requirements.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions or utility conflicts, 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.

The bid documents included two alternate bid items, one of which will be included in the contract. This alternate bid item includes furnishing, installing and constructing the Chemical Storage Tank Facility, and associated appurtenances at the Lake Creek Site. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately for additional items of work that may be awarded as part of the contract if the bids come within the specified budget.

Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2017 and to be substantially completed in January 2019. Public communication to the affected areas has been continuous and has been achieved through a combination of meetings, mailings and a website.

Failure to execute this contract in a timely manner could result in the additional risk of sanitary sewer overflows.

The contract allows 690 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78729 and 78727 (District 6). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

SJ Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd is located in Mansfield, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Financial Services website. Link: Solicitation Documents.