## **Recommendation for Council Action**

## **AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting: April 12, 2018 Item Number: 006

## **Capital Contracting Office**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with ASD Consultants, Inc. (MBE), for Eilers Neighborhood Park-General Park Improvements-Rebid in the amount of \$337,777.00 plus a \$33,777.70 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$371,554.70. [Note: 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 14.80% MBE and 13.50% WBE participation.]

District(s) Affected: District 10

| Lead Department      | Capital Contracting Office   |
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|                      | Managing Department(s) Parks and Recreation Department   |
| Fiscal Note          | Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.   |
| Purchasing Language  | Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.   |
| Prior Council Action | November 20, 2014 - approved a professional services agreement with Design Workshop Inc. to provide landscape architecture services for the Veterans and Eilers Park Improvements Project. |
| For More Information | Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.   |

| NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929, or the Project Manager, Reynaldo Hernandez, 512-974-9464. |
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## **Additional Backup Information:**

Improvements to Deep Eddy Pool completed in 2012 highlighted the poor condition and state of the play elements at Eilers Park. The Parks and Recreation Department along with Friends of Deep Eddy recognized the potential of Eilers Park as a family oriented experience in conjunction with the Deep Eddy aquatic facility. The Eilers Park topography is dominated by a series of tiers. The existing amenities in the park include a play structure, barbecue grills, picnic tables, and small contained open space areas. The site amenities are not compliant with current Americans with Disabilities Act standards and the landscaping is minimal and in poor condition. The 2012 Bond initiative was proposed to re-design the immediate playscape area and provide other amenity upgrades.

In November 2014, Council approved a professional service agreement with Design Workshop Inc. to provide design concepts and construction drawings for the proposed park improvements. The scope of this professional services agreement included public engagement, design development and a completed construction set of documents for the invitation for bid solicitation.

This project will provide Americans with Disabilities Act compatible park features which include a drinking fountain, benches, picnic areas with tables, trash receptacles, new play structures, and natural play elements. In addition to integrated amenities such as retaining walls, seat walls and landscape beds, the design will also enhance the existing circulation routes from the adjacent community and activities and address drainage issues along the western edge of the park. Eilers Park is unique because it connects to the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trial at Lady Bird Lake. The new design will improve the experience and amenities utilized by stakeholders.

Public outreach for this project has consisted of public input meetings on desired park features and final park plan development feedback.

A delay in approving this contract will result in continued degrading and potential removal of play elements and or closure of the park site from public use.

Due to the potential for construction material price increases, 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 contract allows 180 working days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78703 (District 10).

ASD Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: Solicitation Documents

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