

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: 009

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Control Panels USA, Inc., for the River Place MUD and Lost Creek MUD Volume I: Reservoir and Package project in the amount of \$2,238,900 plus a \$111,945 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,350,845. [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 24.54% MBE and 15.07% WBE participation.]

District(s) Affected: District 6, District 8, District 9

Lead Department	Capital Contracting Office <u>Managing Department(s)</u> Public Works Department
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Water.
Purchasing Language	Lowest responsive bid of two bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
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, Lisa Whitworth, 512-974-5615.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	July 11, 2018 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 7-0 with Chair Moriarty and Commissioners Turrieta, Michel, and Schmitt absent.
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Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin annexed the Lost Creek subdivision in 2015 and the River Place subdivision in 2017, acquiring the Municipal Utility Districts associated with each subdivision. Upgrades and modifications are required to bring the facilities in line with Austin Water's facility standards, to link the new annexed facilities with the utility's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, and to increase reliability of operation.

This project will link the River Place and Lost Creek water and wastewater facilities to Austin Water's existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, thus allowing remote monitoring and control of those facilities. The work includes installation of remote terminal units at various water and wastewater facilities including but not limited to the River Place Elevated Storage Tank, River Place Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lost Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, five Lost Creek Lift Stations, and eight River Place Lift Stations. In addition to allowing for remote monitoring and control, the project will improve system reliability, enhance monitoring capabilities, and improve operational efficiencies and communications. Proposed improvements will be similar in nature to the improvements being made at the Lost Creek and River Place lift stations. Due to the alignment of scope, implementing the upgrades to the Shady Hollow lift stations as part of this project will allow for efficiencies of scale.

This contract will include award of alternate bid items for improvements to five additional lift stations in the Shady Hollow neighborhood, where the City of Austin assumed operation in April 2018. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately and may be awarded as part of the contract if the alternate(s) represents a good value for the City.

This item also includes one allowance. 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. The allowance of \$50,000 will be used for the procurement of additional materials and labor to add monitoring enhancements to the project sites. The allowance is required due to limited existing documentation about the facilities, and the enhancements will result in a greater operational understanding of the current status of the facility, and will bring the monitoring capabilities more in line with Austin Water standards.

The work will occur entirely within non-public areas of the neighborhood; therefore,

construction activities will not affect the public. A delay executing this contract will prolong the current, less efficient method for monitoring the various systems.

Due to the potential for encountering non-compatible fixtures and equipment, a 5% 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 335 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78739, 78746, 78748, and 78730 (Districts 6, 8, and 10). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

Control Panels USA, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

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

Link: Solicitation Documents

<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=118448>