Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: 041

Purchasing Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Geographic Information Services, Inc., or one of the other qualified offeror to Request for Proposals 5600 GAZ0102, to provide geospatial data model assessment, redesign, and implementation services, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed $130,600. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. There were no subcontracting opportunities for the services required for this solicitation; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

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<th>Lead Department</th>
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<td>Fiscal Note</td>
<td>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Water.</td>
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<td>Purchasing Language</td>
<td>The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 5600 GAZ0102 for these services. The solicitation was issued on March 19, 2018 and closed on April 19, 2018. Of the eight offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City’s Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124708">https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124708</a>.</td>
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<td>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <a href="mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov">AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</a>. NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation’s Authorized Contact Person: Gil Zilkha, at 512-974-2696 or</td>
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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for services to assess the existing data model and data, gather requirements, redesign the data model, and create a plan for its implementation including updates to all related products and services using the geographic information system (GIS) database. Austin Water’s GIS provides spatially referenced data, applications and analysis to Utility management, engineers, planners, and field crews to support decision-making, field operations, and asset management. This includes establishing system architecture and data availability that is reliable and valuable for all customers to expand the use of GIS through technology development, data sharing, and interfaces with other systems.

The existing geospatial data model has been in service for over 15 years. While it is highly functional, there is a need to redesign the data model to align it with the GIS industry technology roadmap and evolving business needs at Austin Water.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Geographic Information Services, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on system concept and solutions proposed, demonstrated applicable experience, personnel qualifications, total evaluated cost, service-disabled veteran business enterprise preference, and local business presence.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected, authorizing new contract negotiations.

Approving this contract will allow Austin Water to improve the quality of service to its customers, improve workforce efficiency, and achieve business goals.