

Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting: November 15, 2018

Item Number: 073

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a design build agreement with JE Dunn Construction, for design and construction services for New Fire / EMS Stations project in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals 28.90% MBE and 18.50% WBE participation.].

Lead Department	Austin Fire Department
	Emergency Medical Services Department
	Managing Department(s)
	Public Works Department
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$12,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year
	2018-2019 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.
Purchasing Language	Best Value to the City of Austin of five offers received.
Prior Council Action	June 14, 2018- City Council authorized use of Alternative Delivery
	Method.
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, Jr., 512-974-7749, Aiden
	Cohen, 512-974-1929, or the Project Manager, Burton Jones,

District(s) Affected: District 2, District 6, District 8, District 10

512-974-7278.

Additional Backup Information:

On March 24, 2016, Council directed the City Manager to develop a comprehensive plan for building five fire stations in areas of immediate need identified by the Austin Fire Association (Local 975) and the Austin Fire Department. On May 24, 2018, Council passed another resolution to support these stations.

The locations of the identified fire stations are as follows:

- § Del Valle/Moore's Crossing area (78617 District 2)
- § Travis Country area (78735 District 8)
- § Goodnight Ranch area (78744 District 2)
- § Loop 360/Davenport area (78746 District 10)
- § Canyon Creek area (78726 District 6)

On June 14, 2018, Council amended the Austin Fire Department Capital Budget to increase appropriations by \$6 million for new fire stations. This was followed by an additional \$6 million appropriated to the Austin Fire Department Capital Budget on September 11, 2018 as part of the annual budget.

On June 14, 2018, Council authorized the use of a Design-Build project delivery method for the New Fire/EMS Stations project, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2269, Subchapter G; by which a governmental entity contracts with a single entity to provide both design and construction services. Design-Build is a method of construction procurement whereby design and construction services are contracted through one entity, either a joint venture between a design consultant and a constructor or from a single entity with both capabilities.

The Design-Build contract is recommended for award to the Design-Builder providing the best value to the City, as established through a qualifications-based selection process. A Design-Build solicitation is a two-step process consisting of Request for Qualifications and Request for Additional Information. A diverse City-staffed Evaluation Panel, comprised of technical experts, reviews, scores, and ranks the Design-Builder firms. The result of the evaluation process is a request to Council to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with the highest ranked firm. MBE/WBE goals are initially established for the design phase services only. When design is sufficiently complete and prior to construction phase, MBE/WBE goals are established based on identified construction trades.

The Austin Fire and Emergency Medical Services Departments are recommending Council authorize the negotiation and execution of a Design-Build contract for preliminary, design, and construction phase services for this project. The preliminary and design phase includes schematic design, design development, construction documents, constructability reviews, value engineering, cost estimating, scheduling, development of a safety program, quality assurance, site security, environmental protection plans, permitting, pre-construction services, MBE/WBE subcontractor outreach and all other services

associated with the development of work packages for construction phase services.

The amount of authorization being requested to begin this project is \$12 million. As progress is made to deliver the stations in the time frame requested by Council, additional Council authorization will be requested. Future contract amendments, to add the remaining stations, will be subject to the approval of the additional authorization.

With Council's authorization of this request, staff will negotiate with the highest ranked firm that offers the best value to the City on the basis of published selection criteria. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement for services with the top ranked firm, City staff will notify the firm, in writing, that negotiations will cease.

The contract will specify completion of this project by May 2023.

The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

JE Dunn Construction is located in Austin, Texas.