



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1705, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

5/23/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following six staff recommended firms: Weston Solutions, Inc., BGE, Inc., Walker Partners, LLC, Dannenbaum Engineering Company-Austin LLC, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. and K Friese & Associates, Inc. (WBE), or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP255 to provide engineering services for the 2019 Small Scale Water and Wastewater Facilities Engineering Services Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000.

[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 with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department(s)

Austin Water

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal year 2018-2019 Capital or Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is selection of the six most qualified firms out of 30 firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

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, William Stauber, 512-972-0239.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 8, 2019 - No Recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a lack of votes. Commissioner Ho motioned to approve, Commissioner Schmitt second. Commissioners Moriarty, Schmitt, Turrieta and Ho approved; Commissioners Penn, Lee, Williams and Michel recused, and Commissioners Castleberry, Parton and Grant were absent.

Additional Backup Information:

As a standard business practice, the City routinely engages the services of professional engineering firms to perform analysis, design and related support associated with construction or improvement of City capital assets. Rotation list contracting allows the City to always have a group of qualified consultants available to

perform a specific type of recurring work in a timely manner to meet the project needs of the City.

Prior to issuing, this solicitation was reviewed by the City's Rotation List Advisory Committee, which is made up of staff from the Capital Contracting Office, Small and Minority Business Resource Department, Public Works Department, and the user department. The total authorization amount, the number of firms to be recommended for selection, and the authorization amount per firm were discussed and reviewed by the Committee. The Capital Contracting Office expects that user department will require these services to meet current and future engineering needs. These projects will require external engineering services to properly plan, evaluate, design, and implement.

The City currently has a Small Scale Water and Wastewater Facilities Engineering Services Rotation List. It is anticipated that the contracting authority for the existing rotation list will be exhausted in the near future.

The selected firms will provide planning, studies, feasibility engineering, preliminary engineering, design, construction, project delivery support and other engineering services as necessary for any of the projects that are identified as part of the Austin Water Capital and O&M Budgets. Small construction projects under this rotation list will generally range in total project cost from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the six recommended firms until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. Per firm authorizations may be increased or decreased, through the life of the contract, based on the needs of a particular assignment and will follow the established rotation list policies and procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

Weston Solutions, Inc. is located in Austin TX,
BGE, Inc. is located in Austin TX,
Walker Partners, LLC is located in Austin TX,
Dannenbaum Engineering Company-Austin LLC is located in Austin TX,
Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin TX
K Friese & Associates, Inc. (WBE/FW) is located in Austin TX