City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1796, Agenda Item #: 6. 6/20/2019

Posting Language
Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Santa Clara Construction, Ltd (MBE), for the West Allandale and Trailridge Drive Utility Line Renewal project in the amount of $4,558,390 plus a $455,839 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed $5,014,229.

[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 81.41% MBE and 0.64% WBE participation.]

Lead Department
Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department(s)
Public Works Department

Fiscal Note
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:
Lowest responsive bid of eight 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:
To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on June 12, 2019.

Additional Backup Information:
The West Allandale and Trailridge Drive improvements project is part of the Renewing Austin program. Renewing Austin is an ongoing program to replace and upgrade deteriorated aging water lines with multiple break history. In addition, the program coordinates and includes wastewater lines in need of replacement within the project area.

The project will reduce further expenditures from the Operating and Maintenance budget by preventing repeat water main breaks, sewer leaks and sewer overflows. The work consists of replacing approximately 7,907 linear feet of existing water lines and appurtenances, and approximately 6,435 linear feet of wastewater lines and manholes.
This construction contract includes two allowances. The allowance of $80,000 will be used to address moving private wastewater laterals. The allowance of $60,000 provides for wet connections to an existing 24-inch concrete steel cylinder pipe. 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.

Area stakeholders were informed of the project during the design process and will continue to receive updates during construction by receiving periodic electronic communications, hardcopy notices delivered in advance of any construction phase changes, or in the case of substantial project impact, in-person meetings may be held.

A delay executing this contract would prolong use of aged lines and could result in the failure of the pipe segments included in the scope. Furthermore, deferment would prolong addressing fire flow inadequacies on Trailridge Circle.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions, 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 650 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78757 and 78731 (Districts 7 and 10).

Santa Clara Construction, Ltd (MBE/MH) is located in Austin, Texas.

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