



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2845, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Smith Contracting Co., Inc. for the Williamson Creek - Battle Bend Water Quality Retrofit project in the amount of \$940,380.50 plus a \$94,038.05 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,034,418.55.

[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 16.55% MBE and 1.75% 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 the Watershed Protection Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of four 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, or the Project Manager, Tomas Rodriguez, 512-974-7730.

Additional Backup Information:

The Watershed Protection and Parks and Recreation Departments have identified a mutually beneficial location to achieve recreation and water quality objectives by retrofitting an existing City of Austin park, Battle Bend Neighborhood Park, with green infrastructure. This is an opportunity to provide water quality treatment and reduce pollutant loads in Williamson Creek in a highly urbanized area.

This project will provide water quality treatment in the form of a biofiltration area. The biofiltration area will be covered by turf grass so that it will be usable as a playing field, thereby improving recreational opportunities in the park. The project will also restore a portion of the creek channel that was previously in a concrete culvert to a more natural state, improving the health of the creek. Lastly, the project will construct and improve trails in the park, enhancing accessibility and providing further recreational opportunities in the park.

This item includes one allowance. The allowance of \$25,000 will be used to address contaminated soil and water if any is encountered during excavation or construction. An allowance is an amount that is specified and

included in the construction contract or specifications for certain item(s) of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

The southwestern portion of the park will be closed during construction, but the playscape and basketball court on the east side of the park will remain open. There will be a construction entrance on Sheraton, but there should not be any lane closures, detours, or utility interruptions. Mailers will be sent out to the public in early September with a community meeting scheduled in mid-October before work begins.

This item is not time sensitive; however, a delay would mean that stormwater runoff from surrounding impervious cover would continue to flow untreated into Williamson Creek. Additionally, the public would not be able to enjoy the proposed park amenities (playing field and trails) that the community is anticipating.

Due to the potential for differing site 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 730 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78745 (District 3).

Smith Contracting Co., 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=129533>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=129533).