



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1516, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

3/26/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP285: Kleinfelder, Inc., HVJ South Central Texas - M&J, Inc. (MBE), Rodriguez Engineering Laboratories, LLC (MBE), Fugro USA Land, Inc., and Raba Kistner, Inc., for construction materials testing services for the 2020 DSD Construction Materials Testing Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No goals were established for this solicitation.]

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

### **Managing Department**

Development Services Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,350,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Development Services Department. Funding for the remaining years of the agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is selection of the five most qualified firms out of 13 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](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>.

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Beverly Mendez, 512-974-3596, or the Project Manager, Elizabeth Boswell, 512-974-1849.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

As a standard business practice, the City routinely engages the services of professional engineering firms to perform analysis, design and support services 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 and operational 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 Development Services Department (DSD). The total authorization amount, the

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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 departments will require these services to meet current and future construction material testing needs.

DSD provides construction inspection services for site and subdivision projects constructed by private development within the City's jurisdiction. To confirm that construction complies with City standards, DSD will use labs on this construction material testing rotation list to perform field tests on new streets, water, wastewater, and drainage facilities for these private development projects. Material testing assesses the properties of soils, asphalt/concrete and other materials. The fees associated with the testing are passed on to the Developer of private development projects. DSD will manage the project assignments under this contract.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the five 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:**

Kleinfelder, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

HVJ South Central Texas - M&J, Inc. is located in Austin, TX (MBE/MH)

Rodriguez Engineering Laboratories, LLC is located in Austin, TX (MBE/MH)

Fugro USA Land, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

Raba Kistner, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

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