



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1728, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

4/23/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with K Friese and Associates, Inc. (WBE) and CAS Consulting and Services, Inc. (MBE), (staff recommendations) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP289 to provide professional engineering services for the Austin Water Barton SoCo and the Travis Heights Reclaimed Water Main projects with a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

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

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Austin Water

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is the two 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.

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, Javier Ramirez, 512-972-0062.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Turrieta's Motion and Vice-Chair Castleberry's 2nd on a 6-0-3-2 vote with Commissioners Lee, Michel and Penn recusing and Commissioners Parton and Schmitt absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The Barton SoCo and Travis Heights Reclaimed Main projects are identified in Austin Water's 2011 Reclaimed Water Infrastructure Master Plan Update and the 2013 Completing the Core plan as construction projects necessary to complete a core loop through downtown Austin. Completing the core loop interconnects Austin Water's reclaimed water systems north and south of the Colorado River, adds customers, and builds economies of scale. Both systems, north and south are currently dead ends where routine maintenance, a line break, power outage or pump failure might have negative impacts on customer service. To minimize risk of

service interruptions to current and future reclaimed water customers, it is important to provide redundancy.

K Friese and Associates, Inc. (the top ranked firm) will be assigned the Barton SoCo Reclaimed Main section of the project. This section of the project includes the Barton SoCo Reclaimed Main. This main is comprised of 24-inch (3,100 linear feet), 12-inch (3,500 linear feet), and 8-inch (600 linear feet) reclaimed water mains in Barton Springs Road and Congress Avenue. CAS Consulting and Services, Inc. (the second ranked firm) will be assigned the Travis Heights Reclaimed Main section of the project. This section of the project, the Travis Heights Reclaimed Main, consists of 6,250 linear feet of 24-inch reclaimed water main predominantly in the Travis Heights neighborhood.

Although the scopes of the projects are similar, the complexity and cost for the Barton SoCo Reclaimed Main are higher, and thus awarded to the top ranked firm.

Delaying these projects will impact the reliability of service. As more customers connect to the system for cooling and toilet flushing, the consequences of an outage become more severe. Additionally, Council's approved Water Forward plan places a strong emphasis on reclaimed water to meet the city's long-term water supply needs. Delaying these projects negatively impacts the ability to meet those needs and associated Water Forward goals.

This authorization provides funding for design and bid phase services for the Barton SoCo and Travis Heights Reclaimed Main projects. Staff will return to Council for authorization of construction and warranty phase services when Council approves a construction contract. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responders that Council award. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating satisfactory agreements with the awarded responders, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may award to another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

TOP RANKED FIRM: K Friese and Associates, Inc. (WBE/FW) is located in Austin, Texas.

SECOND RANKED FIRM: CAS Consulting and Services, Inc. (MBE/MA) 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=134027>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134027).

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.