



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2422, Agenda Item #: 7.

7/29/2020

**Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Rider Construction Group, LLC, for the Emma Long Metropolitan Park - Phase I Implementation project in the amount of \$2,256,787.50 plus a \$225,678.75 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,482,466.25.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 69.19% MBE and 3.59% WBE participation.]

**Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

**Managing Department**

Parks and Recreation Department

**Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation 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](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, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Scott Sinn, 512-974-9474.

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 5, 2020 - Recommended by Zoning and Platting Commission on a vote of 10-0-0.

**Additional Backup Information:**

Emma Long Park is a metropolitan park with a diverse user-base and a variety of amenities and recreational opportunities. Situated along Lake Austin, the park offers woodland trails, boating and water activities, motorcycle and biking trails, an archery range and camping facilities. In 2017, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department completed a Vision Plan for the primary use area within the park which provides prioritized and incremental improvement recommendations that support future uses and programming opportunities. This Vision Plan serves as the basis for this Phase 1 Improvement project, which will be implemented with funding from 2012 and 2018 General Obligation (GO) Bonds, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation Program grant, site parking/entry fees and parkland dedication fees.

The project is needed to repair aging/failing infrastructure for long term sustainability and durability while

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preserving the historic and cultural features of the metropolitan park. The scope includes both architectural and site improvements to the bathhouse and plaza, extension of walking trails, new volleyball courts, new group camping areas, improved infrastructure and accessibility modifications. When completed, the park improvements will enhance and contribute to a sustainable operation of the park and allow for direct and expanded access to trails, camping and beaches.

The park will remain open during construction and the work will be phased to maximize public access. Construction is anticipated to commence in the fall of 2020. The restroom buildings will be closed for renovation for approximately six months. Additional portable facilities will be brought in for temporary use during this interruption to services.

If the item is not approved, the project will need to be rebid and incur significant delays to construction.

Due to the potential for unknown site conditions that may be encountered during construction and to accommodate use of the park facility during construction, 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 300 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78730 (District 10).

Rider Construction Group, LLC 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=134110>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134110)

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All; Culture and Lifelong Learning.