



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3491, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

12/3/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following six staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP305: HDR Engineering, Inc., Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., Freese & Nichols, Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Doucet & Associates, Inc.(WBE), and Carollo Engineers, Inc., for engineering services for the 2021 Stream Restoration and Stormwater Treatment Engineering Services Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Watershed Protection Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is selection of the six most qualified firms out of 16 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>>.

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, Eric Loucks, 512-974-2534.

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 other user departments. The total authorization amount, the 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 the user department will require these services to meet current and future engineering service needs.

The City's Watershed Protection Department provides water quality protection, flood mitigation and stream erosion services as part of its watershed management program. The Department requires external professional engineering services to assist in the execution of Capital Improvement Projects and the development of code/criteria updates and special studies related to stream restoration and stormwater treatment.

The selected firms will provide stream restoration and stormwater treatment engineering services for the Watershed Protection Department. Project assignments will typically include preliminary engineering, design, bidding and construction phase services. Some project assignments may only consist of assessments, studies or planning efforts.

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

HDR Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, TX
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin, TX
Freese & Nichols, Inc. is located in Austin, TX
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. is located in Austin, TX
Doucet & Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, TX
Carollo Engineers, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Health and Environment