



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3547, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the design build agreement with JE Dunn Construction Inc., for preconstruction services, schematic design services, and construction services for New Fire and EMS Stations in an amount of \$2,000,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$27,500,000.

[Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date for the Design Phase is 6.97% MBE and 5.38% WBE. Current participation to date for the Construction Phase is 7.62% MBE and 4.01% WBE.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Purchasing Language:

Original contract was awarded through a qualifications-based selection process.

Prior Council Action:

November 14, 2019 - City Council approved a contract increase of \$13,500,000 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$25,500,000 for Del Valle and Travis Country design and construction.

November 15, 2018 - Council approved a Design-Build contract with JE Dunn Construction Inc., for the New Fire/EMS Stations with a not to exceed contract amount of \$12,000,000.

August 30, 2018- City Council authorized use of Alternative Delivery Method.

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, Michelle Noriega PM, 512-974-1169.

Additional Backup Information:

On March 24, 2016, City Council directed the City Manager to develop a comprehensive plan for consideration during the budget process with proposed funding mechanisms and timelines for building fire stations in five areas of immediate need identified by the Austin Fire Association (Local 975) and the Austin Fire Department.

This project is the first phase of that design and construction work for the Austin Fire Department and EMS stations. These five stations were chosen by the City as locations that would benefit the Fire and EMS response times, and which could also support potential gaps in existing stations response times. The first station, Del Valle/Moore's Crossing Fire/EMS Station, will include a storage facility for EMS equipment. The remaining program elements will apply to the remaining four stations.

The proposed locations for the new Fire/EMS stations include:

- Del Valle/Moore's Crossing area
- Travis Country area
- Loop 360/Davenport area
- Goodnight Ranch area
- Canyon Creek area

The Design-Build contract is recommended for award to the Design-Builder providing the best value to the City, as established through a qualifications-based selection process. A design-build solicitation is a 2-Step Process consisting of Request for Qualifications and Request for Additional Information. A diverse City-staffed Evaluation Panel comprised of technical experts, reviews, scores, and shortlists Design-Builder firms. The result of which is the selection of the highest-ranked firm. Council's authorization is requested to negotiate and execute an agreement with the highest ranked firm to begin design phase services. MBE/WBE goals are initially established for the design phase services only. When Design is sufficiently complete and prior to Construction Phase, MBE/WBE goals are established based on identified construction trades.

Del Valle is complete and in Warranty Phase as of July 2020, Travis Country is under construction and the additional funds are to start the design and preconstruction of Loop 360/Davenport Fire station. Council previously approved \$25.5 million in authorization for Del Valle and Travis Country Fire Stations. This request is to add authorization of \$2 million to initial design of the Loop 360/Davenport Fire/EMS Station. Future amendments will be brought to Council when funding is approved for the construction of Loop 360/Davenport and the design and construction of the Goodnight Ranch and Canyon Creek Fire/EMS stations.

Council provided direction to have five new Fire/EMS Stations constructed in six years in areas currently languishing in response times. Failure to provide the additional funding will delay the start of the design and construction of the new Fire/EMS stations required to alleviate the current situation.

JE Dunn Construction is located in Austin, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Government that Works for All