



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3809, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

1/27/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Sefbo Pipeline Bridge, Inc., for the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant Low Service Pump Station Safety Structures Renewal project in the amount of \$66,666.66.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with a combined MBE/WBE goal of 5.00% participation.].

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

One responsive bid 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>>.

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, Nick Sybille, 512-974-3566.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 14, 2021 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Parton and Williams absent and Commissioner Penn recused.

Additional Backup Information:

The Ullrich Water Treatment Plant's Low Service Pump Station is situated over Lake Austin at an elevation requiring appropriate safety controls to protect personnel from accidental falls into the Lake. These safety controls include platforms, toe plates, handrails and cover plates. Approximately 70% of the platform cover plates at the pump station are severely corroded due to the high-moisture ambient environment and are beginning to fail. Other safety features, such as the toe plates, are damaged or missing. Additionally, portions of the Low Service Pump Station are currently being barricaded to prevent access to areas where the most severe corrosion is taking place. There is an imminent safety risk of personnel falling into the Lake if corrective steps are not taken to repair damaged and missing safety controls.

This project will provide the labor, equipment and materials required to perform the necessary safety related repairs to the Low Service Pump Station. These repairs incorporate the scope of work that was agreed upon

by the Ullrich Operations personnel and the Engineer of Record. The benefit of this project is that adequate safety controls will be re-established at the Low Service Pump Station which will allow personnel to work in a safe environment.

This contract will include award of one alternate bid item for \$14,500 for the replacement of safety controls instead of repairing those safety controls. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately and may be awarded as part of the contract if the bids come within the specified budget.

The pre-bid meeting was optional, and no prime bidders attended. Prior to the bid due date, the Capital Contracting Office contacted all contractors registered with the City to provide services and commodities required by the proposed scope of work to encourage those contractors to submit bids. Additionally, the solicitation was advertised for 27 days to allow greater opportunity for contractors to submit a bid. These efforts resulted in only one bid being received. Staff reviewed the one bidder and determined that they possess the experience needed and provided a bid in line with the consultant engineer's cost estimate.

The work at the Low Service Pump Station is not open to the public and will not impact Ullrich Water Treatment Plant operations.

A delay in award of this contract could put personnel at risk when performing work at the Low Service Pump Station due to inadequate fall protection.

The contract allows 90 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78746 (District 8).

Sefbo Pipeline Bridge, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.