



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1244, **Agenda Item #:** 4.

3/25/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP309A: Intera, Inc., Weston Solutions, Inc., Aptim Corp. dba Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure, LLC, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Kleinfelder, Inc., for engineering services for the 2021 Brownfields Environmental Services Rotation List Reissue in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000.

[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

Austin Resource Recovery

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budget for Austin Resource Recovery.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is based on the five most qualified firms out of 15 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, Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261, or the Project Manager, Christine Whitney, 512-974-6085.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 11, 2021 - Recommend by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on a 6-0 vote.

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 user departments will require these services to meet current and future environmental needs.

Austin Resource Recovery has received two grants funded by the Environmental Protection Agency to address existing environmental concerns for properties in Austin. The Brownfields Office supports redeveloping properties by providing support for site assessments and remediation assistance.

The selected firms will provide all environmental services related to studies, sampling, testing, analyses, recommendations, designs, regulatory review and/or construction management for projects that may involve:

- Environmental assessments
- Petroleum storage tank issues
- Site remediation
- Landfills
- Indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring and assessments
- Biological assessments
- Sustainability studies
- Noise surveys and studies
- Risk analysis
- Pollution control technology assessments
- Soil monitoring, surface water monitoring
- Groundwater monitoring, hazardous and non-hazardous waste analysis, transport and/or disposal
- Confirmation sampling, contaminant identification, delineation, and fate and transport modeling
- Monitoring well installation and groundwater gauging
- Site and monitoring well surveying
- Containerization, characterization, and appropriate disposal of investigation and remediation derived waste
- Conduct mold, asbestos and lead based paint inspections and surveys and develop cost estimates for mold and asbestos and/or lead based paint abatement

Establishing a rotation list contract for the Brownfields services is an efficient method to ensure there are pre-qualified vendors available to perform the work required or oversight of the work required to meet the Environmental Protection Agency grant requirements.

This solicitation was issued in order to meet the federal grant requirements for third party verification of Brownfields' assessment and remediation activities. A delay in approval of this award could result in failure to meet grant requirements.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the five 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 authority

will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

Intera, Inc., is located in Austin, TX

Weston Solutions, Inc., is located in Austin, TX

Aptim Corp. dba Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure, LLC, is located in Austin, TX

Freese and Nichols, Inc., is located in Austin, TX

Kleinfelder, Inc., is located in Austin, TX

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment