



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1587, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

4/22/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with ASD Consultants, Inc. (MBE), for the Red River Enhancement project in the amount of \$1,046,096.92 plus a \$104,609.69 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,150,706.61.

[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 77.03% MBE and 17.33% WBE 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 the Housing and Planning Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of six 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>>.

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, Jose Ibarra, 512-974-7195.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2013, City Council designated blocks 600 through 900 of Red River Street as the Red River Cultural District through Council Resolution 2010107-036. This action recognized Red River Street as a nationally acclaimed area with a decades-long tradition and a unique historic, economic, and cultural heritage that significantly contributes to Austin's credibility as one of the world's premier creative cities.

In 2014, the Red River Cultural District approached the City's Economic Development Department to initiate District support through the Souly Austin Program. Extensive engagement efforts identified enhancements sought by district stakeholders and prioritized them in the Red River Cultural District Economic Strategy.

In 2017, City Council passed Resolution No. 20170608-033 to explore options related to streetscape and public safety enhancements along Red River Street. Furthermore, in 2019 City Council passed Resolution 20190808-144 directing the City Manager to use available funds from the Great Streets Program to expeditiously deliver projects described in Council Resolution 20170608-033. Staff from various City

Departments collaborated on the planning, design, and project scoping for these improvements. Extensive community engagement efforts identified enhancements outlined in the above-mentioned Council resolutions and support the priorities for the Red River Cultural District outlined in the Red River Cultural District Economic Strategy.

Enhancements identified are trash receptacles, alley closure, lighting, temporary art, and sidewalk redesign and pedestrian mobility improvements. The proposed improvements are intended to achieve safe, continuous, functional enhancements in the district. Planned improvements will support City Council's commitment to enhance the Red River Cultural District.

This project is in the public right-of-way and temporary daily roadway lane closures and sidewalk closures will be utilized to facilitate the construction phase. Phasing of project implementation will be in place to ensure minimal impact to the business community during construction.

Delaying this project could impact the much-needed improvements to the Red River Cultural District.

Due to the age of various utilities and appurtenances and the potential for missing or inaccurate record information, 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. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).

ASD Consultants, Inc. (MBE/MB) is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Culture and Lifelong Learning; Economic Opportunity and Affordability; Mobility