



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 22-1393, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

3/24/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers Inc., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified respondents for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP324A to provide engineering services for the Project Connect - Water/Wastewater Utility Support Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

[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 22.00% MBE and 18.00% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **Managing Department**

Austin Water

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of six firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

### **For More Information:**

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, Kevin Koeller, 512-972-2055.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

March 9, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Michel recusing, Commissioner Turrieta off the dais and one vacancy.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Project Connect is a comprehensive transit plan designed to enhance public transportation in Austin. It includes a new rail system, a downtown transit tunnel, and an expanded bus system. Project Connect involves multiple stakeholder agencies within City of Austin and partner agencies, including Austin Water. Ongoing coordination between Austin Transit Partnership (ATP), Capital Metro, and Austin Water have identified a number of significant water and wastewater utility conflicts.

This contract will provide engineering support to manage risk by developing and evaluating alternative relocation alignments, estimating schedule and cost requirements for implementation, and coordinating construction sequencing to maintain adequate water and wastewater service to Austin Water customers. Coordination with other major projects such as the TxDOT I-35 Central Express project and the City's Corridor

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Mobility Program may also be required. To support these goals, tasks may also include evaluation of projected water/wastewater demands and condition assessment of existing water and wastewater pipes, as well as preliminary engineering, final design, and construction phase services.

All public impacts will be coordinated by ATP and the Project Connect team.

If the contract is not secured, it will impact Austin Water's ability to proactively plan for utility conflicts from Project Connect and limit Austin Water's ability to identify and implement beneficial relocation options.

This authorization provides for funding of the above listed services. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified respondent. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the respondent, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may award another qualified respondent and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

This project will be located in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9.

**TOP RANKED FIRM:** Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

**SECOND RANKED FIRM:** BGE, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment, Mobility.