



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1395, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

3/24/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc. for the Waller Creek - 4th St. Creekside Inlet Temporary Wall Replacement project in the amount of \$581,000 plus a \$58,100 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$639,100.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 0.34% MBE and 3.73% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Managing Department

Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation.

For More Information:

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, Susan Kenzle, 512-974-2565.

Additional Backup Information:

Stretching from Waterloo Park to Lady Bird Lake, the Waller Creek Tunnel (WCT) is a critical piece of infrastructure that reduces the risk of flooding in downtown Austin. The WCT comprises the Tunnel, the Inlet at Waterloo Park, the 4th and 8th Street Creekside Inlets, and the Outlet at Lady Bird Lake. The Waller Creek - 4th St. Creekside Inlet Temporary Wall Replacement project will be at the 4th Street Creekside Inlet Facility.

The purpose of this project is to replace an existing temporary construction shoring wall built in 2015 during the construction of the Waller Creek Tunnel with a permanent wall. It was the intention to replace this wall during a future Waterloo Greenway Creek project. However, because the existing temporary shoring has exceeded its design life and constitutes a hazard to WPD staff, structural engineers recommend its immediate replacement and thus, the reason for advancement as a standalone project. The new wall will be incorporated into future phase of the Waterloo Greenway.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions 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 construction of this project is set to occur immediately before that of the Waterloo Greenway/Waller Creek District's "the Confluence" project, a major staging area for which will be the 4th Street Creekside Inlet lot on which this project will occur. If contract approval is delayed, it could affect the timing of the Confluence project's mobilization.

The construction will be on a City property not open to the public, although the project will require the contractor to work from East 4th Street, closing the road from the southbound IH-35 frontage road to Sabine Street for the anticipated duration of four weeks. Automobile traffic will be detoured to adjacent streets. This work will also require rerouting pedestrian traffic on the north side of East 4th Street around the work zone.

The safety concern of having a temporary shoring wall above the main access hatch to a tunnel facility necessitates its immediate replacement. If not approved, it could limit the ability to perform maintenance on the tunnel creekside inlet facility.

The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).

Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc. is located in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.