



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1444, Agenda Item #: 35.

3/24/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Muniz Concrete & Contracting Inc. for Brush Square - Phase I Implementation project in the amount of \$2,540,228.06 plus a \$254,022.81 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,794,250.87.

[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 12.14% MBE and 9.01% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Managing Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Single bid 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, Scott Sinn 512-974-9474.

Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department launched a vision planning effort for Brush Square located in downtown Austin approved by Council March 28, 2019. The approved Vision Plan has funding to begin a Phase I Implementation Plan with Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Historic Preservation Fund contributing \$2.42 million and the 2018 General Obligation Bond Program Proposition C (Parks and Recreation) contributing \$370,000.

The Phase I plan includes improvements to the sight lines and circulation through improved grading and drainage, expansive event lawn, low walls and raised decking, new lighting, benches, and landscaping. Construction is anticipated to commence May 2022.

This solicitation was advertised over a period of two months in response to contractor feedback that more time was needed to bid due to contractor limited capacity. Only one bid was received. Staff asked the potential bidders why they did not bid but no response was received. Staff believes that noted contractor capacity issues resulted in only one bid received.

Due to the potential for delays and unforeseen conditions, a \$254,022.81 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 property will be closed to the public during construction. Programming, events, and other uses of the property have been or will be relocated and rescheduled.

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

Muniz Concrete & Contracting Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.