



## Recommendation for Action

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**4/21/2022**

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following four staff recommended firms (or other qualified respondents) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP330: RPS Infrastructure, Inc.; MWM Design Group, Inc. (WBE); HDR Engineering, Inc.; and Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, Inc. for field engineering services for the 2021 Field Engineering Services Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.

[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 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Financial Services Department - Capital Contracting.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is based on the four most qualified firms out of nine 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, Meredith Quick, 512-974-2950.

### **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 Financial Services Department - Capital Contracting, 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 Financial Services Department - Capital Contracting expects that user departments will require these services to meet current and future engineering services' needs.

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The City's Austin Strategic Mobility Plan calls for Austin to be mobile and interconnected, with a transportation network that is accessible and reliable, provides choices, and serves the diverse needs of the community. In addition, focus group research has revealed that the community wants the City to emphasize investment in public transportation, bicycle, and pedestrian projects along activity corridors and within activity centers and fewer roadway projects.

The passage of Proposition B of the 2020 Mobility Bond allocated of \$460 million in property tax-supported general obligation bonds for transportation projects and programs such as sidewalks, urban trails, transportation-related bikeways, Safety/Vision Zero projects, Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects, local transit enhancement projects, Neighborhood Partnering Program capital projects, improvements to substandard streets, and other transportation-related capital projects. In addition, Austin voters approved \$720 million in bonds in 2016 for transportation and mobility improvements and \$160 million in bonds in 2018 to address issues with the City's existing transportation infrastructure. This rotation list will be used to implement projects citywide through bond funds available through the 2016, 2018, and 2020 Mobility Bond Programs.

The City is in need of a field engineering rotation list contract to provide engineering design services in the field for projects being constructed through separate Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) construction delivery contracts. A Field Engineer is assigned to work with contractors to define the final scope of work, ensure alignment, and resolve conflicts in the field.

A delay in approval of this award may limit Austin Transportation Department's ability to deliver on Capital Improvement Program projects using bond funds.

As projects advance towards implementation public notification and engagement activities will occur, as needed.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the four 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 assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

**RECOMMENDED FIRMS:**

RPS Infrastructure, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

MWM Design Group, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

HDR Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Mobility.