



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-1716, Agenda Item #: 5.**

**5/5/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. (WBE), for the Academy Drive Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal project in the amount of \$2,196,505 plus a \$219,650.50 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,416,155.50.

[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 99.09% MBE and 0.91% WBE participation.].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **Managing Department**

Public Works Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

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

### **Purchasing Language:**

One 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, Jose Ibarra, 512-974-7195.

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

April 13, 2022 - Recommended on a 7-1-1 vote with Commissioner Moriarty voting no, Chair Lee recusing, and Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Academy Drive Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal is part of the Renewing Austin Program. The Renewing Austin Program is an ongoing effort to replace, and upgrade deteriorated and aging water mains with a documented history of multiple breaks, that are in poor condition, and that impact service delivery. In addition, the program coordinates and includes wastewater lines in poor condition and in need of replacement within the project area.

This project consists of the replacement of existing water and wastewater mains located within the general boundaries of Academy Drive from Newning Avenue to East Riverside Drive, Bickler Road from Academy Drive to Pecan Grove Road, and Pecan Grove Road from Newning Avenue to Alameda Drive. The water system renewal includes approximately 2,695 linear feet of 8-inch main and 45 linear feet of 12-inch main along with service lines to individual properties and associated appurtenances. The wastewater system

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renewal includes approximately 2,600 linear feet of 8-inch main, manholes, and service lines to individual properties.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface 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 project proposes lane closures and/or detours during off-peak traffic hours. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. The contractor will work to ensure that residents and businesses have access to their driveways. If access cannot be maintained, written notice of limited access will be provided to the affected property owner(s) at least 24 hours in advance. In addition, there will be planned temporary water and wastewater service interruptions, primarily during pipeline tie-in and service reconnection. Residents will be notified at least 48 hours in advance of planned service interruptions.

This project was advertised for a period of five weeks. Only one bid was received for this project. There was very limited contractor interest in this project. Staff contacted the contractor who attended the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and were informed that the contractor did not bid because they decided to focus their resources on bidding other projects during this time period.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is critical to the improvement of the infrastructure stability of Austin's water distribution and wastewater collection systems. Delay or deferral of this contract will require additional time and cost for City operations crews to conduct maintenance and repairs.

The contract allows 365 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78704 (District 9).

Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. (MBE/MH) is located in Austin, TX.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.