



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1820, Agenda Item #: 12.

5/19/2022

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following 11 staff recommended firms (or other qualified respondents) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP333: Cobb Fendley and Associates, Inc.; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.; Miller Gray, LLC (WBE); Doucet and Associates, Inc. (WBE); MWM Design Group, Inc. (WBE); Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; HDR Engineering, Inc.; Weston Solutions, Inc.; Atkins North America, Inc.; Halff Associates, Inc.; and LJA Engineering, Inc.; for Engineering Services for the 2022 Small Diameter Water and Wastewater Pipeline Engineering Services Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.

[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 Austin Water.

**Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is based on the 11 most qualified firms out of 46 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:**

May 11, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**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 Austin Water. 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. Austin Water will require these services to meet current and future engineering needs.

The City currently has a Small Diameter Water and Wastewater Pipeline rotation list agreement with 11 firms to provide engineering services for Austin Water. It is anticipated that the contracting authority for the existing rotation list will be exhausted soon.

The selected firms will provide planning, studies, feasibility engineering, preliminary engineering, design, construction, project delivery support and other engineering services as necessary for any of the projects that are identified as part of the Austin Water Capital Budget. Small diameter pipeline projects under this rotation list will generally range in total project cost from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the 11 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.

A delay in establishing the 2022 Small Diameter Engineering Rotation List would negatively impact future Water and Wastewater pipeline projects.

**RECOMMENDED FIRMS:**

Cobb Fendley and Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
Miller Gray, LLC (WBE/FW) is located in Austin, TX  
Doucet and Associates, Inc. (WBE/FW) is located in Austin, TX  
MWM DesignGroup, Inc. (WBE/FW) is located in Austin, TX  
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
HDR Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
Weston Solutions, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
Atkins North America, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
Half Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
LJA Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.