



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5987, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

11/7/2024

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to the contract for professional engineering services for the 2018 Reservoir Improvements Program with Freese & Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$1,084,217 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$7,084,217.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

MBE / WBE:

This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 9.17% MBE and 11.41% WBE.

Prior Council Action:

February 15, 2018 - Council approved a professional service agreement with Freese & Nichols, Inc., for the 2018 Reservoir Improvements Program.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

October 9, 2024 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing, Commissioners Maxwell-Gaines and Musgrove absent and one vacancy.

January 10, 2018 - Reviewed by the Water Wastewater Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Lee recusing.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Water maintains raw water, potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater storage structures and reservoirs. The City will evaluate one or more water storage structures or reservoirs each year for potential improvements to maximize the useful life of the city's infrastructure. Each evaluation will involve multiple projects to assess and rehabilitate protective coatings and structural integrity on the interior and exterior of various water storage facilities. Additionally, Austin Water will incorporate improvements to the safety, security,

civil engineering, electrical, and instrumentation and control systems at the site.

The contractor is tasked with performing multiple project assignments which include preliminary engineering, design, bidding, construction, and post construction phase services. This requested additional funding will complete the remaining projects that are part of the 2018 Reservoir Improvement Program.

This project work will have no impact on the public. All work will be performed on City property, at a Water Wastewater Treatment Plant, pump station, and/or reservoir site that is not open to the public.

If this RCA is not approved, there will not be sufficient remaining authorization for the consultant to provide construction phase services for remaining reservoir recoating projects that have completed their design phase.