



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4433, Agenda Item #: 39.

5/2/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services contract for engineering services for the Fallwell Lane Capital Renewal project with Halff Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$5,500,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.

[Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 and City Code 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 30.48% DBE].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$5,500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

August 3, 2017 - Council approved a professional services agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. for the Fallwell Lane Capital Renewal project.

November 2, 2023 - Council approved an amendment with Halff Associates, Inc. for the Fallwell Lane Capital Renewal project.

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:

April 17, 2024 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioners Navarro and Turrieta absent.

November 9, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 6-0 with Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion, Chair Lee's second with one recusal from Commissioner Penn and Commissioners Navarro and Musgrove absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

On October 31, 2013, and again on October 30, 2015, flood waters severely damaged Fallwell Lane and threatened the raw water intake structure at the Sand Hill Energy Center. Austin Water's South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant also suffered serious damage. Onion Creek flood waters inundated low areas as they flowed into the Colorado River and bank erosion was severe and extensive restoration and stabilization are required.

After the flooding events, temporary measures were put in place to manage local traffic on Fallwell Lane, however it was determined that a permanent solution was needed to reconstruct and realign key access roads, retrofit water intake structures, and stabilize berms and channels to guard against flood overflows from Onion Creek.

Based on the Preliminary Engineering Report, a decision was made to separate the project into two phases. Phase A would realign Fallwell Lane, relocate and extend water lines, and protect the Colorado Riverbank from damage to the adjacent Fallwell Lane. The Phase B project, known as the South Austin Regional WWTP/Sand Hill Energy Center Flood Mitigation project will create berms, levees, and floodwalls to protect critical City infrastructure. The purpose of this \$5,500,000 Phase B amendment is to authorize the design firm to proceed with Phase B design to advance the project to 100% design.

Delay in approving this amendment could impact the completion of the design phase leaving the area at risk of continued flooding.