



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6236, Agenda Item #: 23.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to the professional services agreements for engineering services, for the Watershed Protection Department, for the 2018 Stream Restoration and Stormwater Treatment Engineering Services Rotation List with the following five firms (or other qualified responders): CDM Smith, Inc.; Freese and Nichols, Inc.; Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.; HDR Engineering, Inc.; and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000,000 for total contract amounts not to exceed \$15,000,000. Funding: Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Watershed Protection Department.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Purchasing Language:

Five contracts were executed with five engineering firms through a qualifications-based selection process.

MBE / WBE:

This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 13.65% MBE and 11.18% WBE.

Prior Council Action:

May 10, 2018 - Council approved professional service agreements with CDM Smith, Inc.; Freese and Nichols, Inc.; Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.; HDR Engineering, Inc.; and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for the 2018 Stream Restoration and Stormwater Treatment Engineering Services Rotation List.

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.

Additional Backup Information:

The City's Watershed Protection Department provides water-quality protection, flood mitigation, and stream erosion services as part of its watershed management program. The Department requires external professional engineering services to assist in the execution of Capital Improvement Projects and the development of code/criteria updates and special studies related to stream restoration and stormwater treatment.

The selected firms provide stream restoration and stormwater treatment engineering services for the Watershed Protection Department. Project assignments typically include preliminary engineering, design, bid,

and construction phase services. 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 allow 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.

Additional contracting authority is required to complete the professional engineering services on several projects. Additional authority will be used to complete ongoing projects that are in various stages of design and fund them through the end of construction phase services. These projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Little Bear Creek Recharge Enhancement - Construction Phase Services
- Wells Branch Stream Restoration - Design Phase, Bid Phase, and Construction Phase Services
- MoPac Steck Water Quality Retrofits - Construction Phase Services

Additional funding will allow the Watershed Protection Department to continue designing existing projects through construction phase and prevent re-design costs associated with transitioning partial design to a new engineer.

A delay in approval of this amendment will impact the department's ability to complete these necessary projects protecting against erosion repair to the MoPac-Steck Pond.