



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1232, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

7/24/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for construction services for the Hornsby Bend Dewatering Facility and East Stormwater Station Improvements Project for Capital Delivery Services with Matous Construction, LTD, in the amount of \$25,622,000, plus a \$2,562,200 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$28,184,200. Funding: \$28,184,200 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 6100 CLMC1104 for these services. The solicitation was issued on March 3, 2025, and closed on April 10, 2025. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive bid. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=142152.

MBE/WBE:

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 9.13% MBE and 12.97% WBE participation.

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. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 16, 2025 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The Hornsby Bend facility built in the 1950s, uses a series of stabilization ponds to treat wastewater sludge from the City's wastewater plants. The treated sludge is then turned into a stable organic compost marketed under the trade name, 'Dillo Dirt', that can be used safely as a fertilizer for City facilities and sold to the general public as a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency certified soil conditioner.

This project consists of structural repairs, building siding replacement, improved ventilation for corrosive gases, mechanical piping improvements, expansion of the sludge dewatering building; upgrading of the polymer system; upsizing and replacement of the stormwater pump station; and electrical service upgrades to support these improvements.

This item includes five allowances:

- An allowance of \$50,000 for structural steel corrosion repair.
- An allowance of \$10,000 for concrete removal.
- An allowance of \$10,000 for piping removal.
- An allowance of \$150,000 for building security improvements.
- An allowance of \$50,000 for the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network security network testing and duct bank.

An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for certain items of work when details are not determined at the time of bidding.

This contract will include award of one alternate bid item for added dewatering capacity and resiliency. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately and may be awarded as part of the contract, if the bids come within the specified budget.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions during construction, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders 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.

There are no impacts to public use because all work will be on City property not open to the public.

A delay in contract approval could create flooding of compost pads, impacting compost production.

The contract allows 790 calendar days for the completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78725, within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.