



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6237, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

12/12/2024

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to the contract for professional engineering services, for Austin Water, for the South Area and Northwest Area Lift Station Improvements project with K Friese & Associates, an H.W. Lochner, Inc., company, in the amount of \$1,840,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,976,395. Funding: Funding 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:

Contract Amendment.

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 14.73% MBE and 56.46% WBE.

Prior Council Action:

December 01, 2022 - Council approved an amendment to the contract for professional engineering services for the South Area and Northwest Area Lift Station Improvements with K Friese & Associates, LLC.

July 29, 2021 - Council approved an amendment to the contract for professional engineering services for the South Area and Northwest Area Lift Station Improvements with K Friese & Associates, LLC.

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:

December 4, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

November 9, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 6-0.

July 14, 2021 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 8-0.

October 10, 2018 - No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a failed motion on the lack of six affirmative votes.

Additional Backup Information:

This amendment to the contract for professional engineering services is to support the Northwest Area Lift Station Improvements Program. Several Austin Water lift stations in Northwest Austin require engineering services for improvements. Lift stations and force mains in these areas have been identified for improvements based on the condition of the dry well, wet well, force main, or the capacity of the existing pumps and force main conveyance capacity.

Lift station work entails the construction of four new lift stations to meet ultimate demand requirements and reduce maintenance and odor problems. Construction of these improvements will allow Austin Water to continue providing wastewater services to the increasing population in the areas, as well as reducing noxious odors impacting the community.

An amendment to the contract for professional engineering services is required to move four lift station projects into the construction phase. This amendment is for additional funding to provide professional engineering services for the Northwest Area Lift Station Improvements Program. These services include additional construction phase services to support the Invitation for Bid delivery method, such as providing construction oversight, conducting submittal reviews, responding to contractor questions during construction, reviewing modifications, and preparing as-built drawings.

No impact to the public is anticipated as all work will be completed on City property that is not open to the public.

The firm the City originally contracted with, K. Friese & Associates, LLC, was acquired by H.W. Lochner, Inc., in May of 2023 and now does business as K. Friese & Associates, an H.W. Lochner, Inc., company.

All projects are located within zip codes 78726 and 78759 (Districts 6 and 10).