



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4892, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

7/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for construction services for the Waller Creek Center Parking Garage Renewal project with RS Ellis, Inc., d/b/a Southwest Corporation, in the amount of \$1,356,528, plus a \$135,652 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,492,180.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 1.17% MBE and 0.72% WBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Austin Water.

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 (IFB) 6100 CLMC1037 for these services. The solicitation was issued on April 29, 2024, and closed on May 23, 2024. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids 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=140603.

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 17, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The Waller Creek Center Parking Garage stairwells are the primary stairs used daily by staff to access Waller Creek Center as well as the primary emergency exit stairs utilized during emergencies. The stairs were constructed in the 1980's and are original to the building. They are heavily corroded, damaged, and in need of replacement. Portions of the stairs have been deemed unsafe for use and access to them has been closed.

This project includes the removal of the existing stairs, installation of the replacement stairs, and handrails in

two stairwell locations of the Waller Creek Parking Garage. To prevent future damage and advanced corrosion, the stairwells will also be enclosed on the top floor of the parking garage.

A delay in contract approval will continue to impact staff's ability to safely use the stairs and exit the building safely in an emergency situation.

The contract allows 160 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).