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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	21388	Agenda Number	6.
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Meeting Date: February 14, 2013

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KBR/RPS ESPEY JOINT VENTURE for engineering services related to coordination of the Waller Creek Tunnel Program with the Waller Creek Conservancy Design in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Related to Item # 25.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language: Exempt from professional services solicitation requirements due to demonstrated expertise and in-depth knowledge of the existing design and construction of Waller Creek Tunnel Program.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information: Keri Burchard-Juarez 974-7298; Gary Jackson 974-7115; Joe Pantalione 974-3438; Susan Garnett 974-7064; Esther Montoya 974-3357; April Shaw 974-7141.

Boards and Commission Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

With the selection of Michael Van Valkenburg and Associates (MVVA) as the winner of the Waller Creek Conservancy Design Competition, the City has an opportunity to coordinate with MVVA in evaluating possibilities for modification of the ongoing Waller Creek Tunnel Program projects to accommodate aspects of the MVVA design. The Public Works Department (PW) proposes to contract with KBR/RPS Espey Joint Venture (JV) to coordinate the Waller Creek Tunnel Program with the Waller Creek Conservancy Design. The Contract Management Department has approved PW's request to exempt this contract from the City's professional services solicitation requirements due to the consultant's demonstrated expertise and in-depth knowledge of the existing design and construction project at Waller Creek. JV is the design engineer for the Waller Creek Tunnel projects, and is currently providing construction management services for the ongoing projects. Thus, they are uniquely qualified to evaluate coordination opportunities in regards to design.

The initial contract with JV will cover coordination and scoping activities, focused on identifying and describing potential opportunities for modifications. The estimated value of this phase of the contract is \$250,000. If opportunities for changes are identified and approved, Public Works will seek additional Council authorization to amend the JV contract to provide engineering design services for those changes. No subconsultant participation is anticipated for the preliminary phase of the work, although subconsultants may be used for the design phase if modifications are approved.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.

KBR/RPS Espey Joint Venture is located in Austin, TX.