

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Rosie Truelove, Director

Contract Management Department

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FROM:

Howard Lazarus, P.E., PWLF, Director

Public Works Department

DATE:

January 7, 2013 (Original Submittal Date: December 20, 2012)

SUBJECT:

Contract with KBR/RPS Espey Joint Venture for Work Related to the Waller Creek

Conservancy Design

The Public Works Department requests that the proposed contract with KBR/RPS Espey Joint Venture (JV) for work related to the Waller Creek Conservancy Design be exempt 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. The JV is the design engineer for the Waller Creek Tunnel projects and is currently providing construction management services for the ongoing projects. 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 to evaluate possibilities for modifying the projects to accommodate aspects of the MVVA design. Approval of a professional service contract with the JV in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 will be requested from Council, pending approval of this exemption request.

The initial contract with the JV will cover coordination and scoping activities, focused on identifying and describing potential opportunities for modifications. If opportunities for changes are identified and approved by the City, we will amend the JV contract to provide design services for those changes. This work will be done under a professional service contract with the JV because they are uniquely qualified to evaluate coordination opportunities with their design. They are also uniquely qualified due to their involvement in managing construction of the projects.

The Waller Creek Tunnel team will keep you informed of developments as the coordination efforts progress. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Howard Lazarus, Director of Public Works Department

Please sign below to approve bypassing the normal solicitation process for this professional services agreement.

Rosie Truelove, Director of Contract Management Department

Anthony Snipes, Interim Assistant City Manager

Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager