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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	29726	Agenda Number	18.
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2014				
Department:	Contract Management				
Subject					
Authorize execution of a construction contract with S J LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, LTD., for Harris Branch Interceptor “Lower B” project in the amount of \$4,111,964.29 plus a \$411,196.42 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,523,160.71					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of five bids received.				
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Lisa Whitworth, 512-974-5615; Yvonne Gil, 512-972-2048; Lucy Bonee, 512-974-7967; Felecia Shaw, 512-974-6017.				
Boards and Commission Action:	January 8, 2014 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 4-0-1 vote with Commissioner Clark abstaining.				
Related Items:					
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 6.42% MBE and 4.13% WBE subcontractor participation.				
Additional Backup Information					

Harris Branch Interceptor Lower B, is one of two gravity interceptors which will redirect raw wastewater away from the Harris Branch Wastewater Package Plant to the Wildhorse Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment and final discharge.

Harris Branch Interceptor Lower B is the first of two gravity interceptors to be constructed and consists of approximately 7,500 linear feet of 36-inch diameter pipe. This segment extends from a point just west of SH 130 near the lowest end of the Harris Branch Basin to a connection point just west of Gilleland Creek (end of Wildhorse North Interceptor Extension North of 290).

This redirection is necessary due the Austin Water Utility Long Range Plan which recommends the plant be decommissioned for several reasons. The plant was built in 1988 to be a temporary facility by the Northwest Travis county MUD and then annexed by the AWU. Due to its advancing age and condition (the plant has suffered structural deficiencies), it is most cost effective for the City to decommission the Harris Branch WWTP and send flows to the Wildhorse WWTP.

Due to the potential for encountering unknown conditions, a 10% contingency has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 300 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78653 and is managed by the Public Works Department.

S J Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd. is located in San Antonio, TX.