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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

29911

Agenda Number

44.

Meeting Date:

January 30, 2014

Department:

Contract Management

Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with JAY-REESE CONSTRUCTORS, INC., for the River Plantation Bridge Approach project in the amount of \$747,775.70 plus a \$112,166.36 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$859,942.06. Related to Item # 45.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing
Language:**

**Prior Council
Action:**

**For More
Information:**

Clay Harris, 512-974-7895; Pirouz Moin, 512-974-8769; Lucy Bonee, 512-974-7967; Felecia Shaw, 512-974-6017.

**Boards and
Commission
Action:**

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This is a health and safety contract; therefore, it is exempt under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

During the Halloween Flood Event on October 30, 2013, the embankment supported by the retained earth wall (the "Embankment") adjacent to the River Plantation Drive Bridge over Onion Creek was severely compromised. Further investigation and engineering analysis has led to the conclusion that the damaged and missing mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall panels and loss of engineered backfill has rendered this bridge approach unsafe for vehicular use. The Embankment structure is a danger to the travelling public and cannot be opened even for emergency vehicular traffic. Left untreated, there is a high likelihood of additional deterioration which would extend the damage further into the remaining embankment.

The River Plantation Drive Bridge serves as the primary route for access into a large portion of the Onion Creek

Subdivision. A lengthy detour via Bradshaw Lane is now in place, and this reduces the response time of emergency vehicles by a minimum of 45 seconds. As such, the damaged condition of the Embankment constitutes a present risk to the public health and safety to residents.

The project team has determined that Jay Reese Constructors Inc. is the most qualified firm to complete this project because of their experience with similar bridge projects in the City of Austin.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions, a 15% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 125 calendar days for substantial completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78747 and is managed by the Public Works Department.

Jay-Reese Constructors, Inc. is located in Dripping Springs, TX.