AGENDA

Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council		**Item ID:**	30120	**Agenda Number**	8.

Meeting Date:	February 13, 2014
Department:	Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP138, to provide design, bid and construction phase services for the MLK Transit Oriented Development Stormwater Conveyance Improvements in an amount not to exceed $750,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of ten firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Glen Taffinder, 512-974-3381; Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423; Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Felecia Shaw, 512-974-6017.
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) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE subconsultant participation.

Additional Backup Information

Council adopted a resolution on July 29, 2004, regarding Transit Oriented Development (TOD). The Watershed Protection Department (WPD) has committed to promote development in TODs by identifying stormwater infrastructure that is needed. The WPD has also committed to fund the construction of some of the stormwater infrastructure needed for the MLK TOD. A preliminary engineering report (PER) has already been completed for the MLK TOD for stormwater management. The PER was completed December 2012 and is the basis for future design projects for the MLK TOD. The PER identified five systems (phases) of infrastructure needs within the MLK TOD. The systems are identified as MLK, Airport North, Manor, Airport South, and 12th Street.

The selected firm will provide professional engineering services for MLK TOD stormwater conveyance improvements in compliance with the City of Austin Drainage Criteria Manual, as part of a capital improvement program project, to include:

- Data Collection and Field Surveys
- Geotechnical Evaluation
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis
- Stream Bank Restoration
- Environmental Assessment and Permitting
- Utility Coordination
- Easement Documents
- Design Submittals
- Bid Phase Services
- Construction Phase Services

This authorization provides for funding of professional services related to civil engineering.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with the staff recommended firm or another qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the Council selected firm, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Native/Asian American; 15.80% WBE. The recommended firm provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department. The alternate firm provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 1127 firms on October 21, 2013. The RFQ was obtained by 115 firms and 11 submitted qualification statements. Three of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: Freese and Nichols, Inc.

ALTERNATE FIRM: Chan & Partners Engineering, LLC

Freese and Nichols, Inc., is located in Austin, TX.
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