

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	32796	Agenda Number	3.
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Meeting Date:	May 22, 2014
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Department:	Contract Management
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of professional services agreements with HDR ENGINEERING, INC. and KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES (staff recommendations), or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP144, to provide preliminary engineering studies for the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor Development Project and the Guadalupe Street Corridor Project in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

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

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendation is the two top firms out of ten evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 19.50% MBE and 21.50% WBE sub-consultant participation.
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Additional Backup Information

The City's 2012 bond election included Proposition 12 that allowed the City to address urban mobility issues by providing funding for designing, constructing, and improving streets, sidewalks, bridges, and bikeways. Included in the City Council approved bond funding project list is an item for the design of a new corridor project on South Lamar Boulevard. Guadalupe Street has been identified as a major multi-modal transportation corridor.

The City recommends two consultant teams to provide preliminary engineering studies for future sidewalk, bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and vehicle transportation infrastructure facilities along South Lamar Boulevard and Guadalupe Street. The purpose of the studies is to identify the future transportation needs of the South Lamar Boulevard corridor and the Guadalupe Street corridor.

Based on the City's qualifications-based selection process, the preliminary engineering study with the highest assigned funding will be allocated to the highest ranked firm; the second ranked firm will receive the smaller of the two corridors. The Transportation Department anticipates the following allocation of funds for the two studies:

South Lamar Boulevard	\$ 350,000.00
Guadalupe Street	\$ 250,000.00
Total Funding	\$600,000.00

The project will require the establishment of a vision, plan, and implementation strategy for the corridors that result in the development of a multi-modal transportation system supportive of mixed-use, pedestrian, and bicycle-friendly development patterns.

This request allows for the development of agreements with the qualified responders Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a selected responder, 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 firms provided an MBE /WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department. The alternate firms provided an MBE /WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and were 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 2680 firms on January 6, 2014. The RFQ was obtained by 170 firms, and 10 submitted qualification statements. Two of the firms were certified as MBE /WBE. Of the 10 firms evaluated, two firms were recommended by staff.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

HDR ENGINEERING, INC. – S. Lamar Blvd. corridor

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. – Guadalupe Street corridor

HDR Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

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