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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID:	34302	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date: August 7, 2014

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with MWM DESIGN GROUP (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP145, to provide architectural services for the Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Bay Expansion projects in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.


Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department.


Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached

Purchasing Language: Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of three firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

Prior Council Action: 

For More Information: Mark Schruben 512-974-7048; Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Elizabeth Godfrey-Weidig 512-974-7141.

Boards and Commission Action: 

Related Items:

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 26.00% MBE and 2.50% WBE sub-consultant participation; 69.50% WBE prime participation.

Additional Backup Information

Three City EMS stations were constructed in the 1980's and 1990's. At time of construction, ambulances were smaller than today's vehicles and fewer paramedics were stationed at each location than is the standard for today's force. These three stations are under-sized by today's standards. In 2005, Mendoza Architecture, Inc. completed a feasibility study and cost estimate on expanding these three facilities. This project will implement the recommendations from the feasibility study.

The three EMS stations constructed during the abovementioned decades are:

- EMS Ambulance Station No. 2. 6601 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX
- EMS Ambulance Station No. 8. 5211 Balcones Drive, Austin, TX
- EMS Ambulance Station No. 11. 5401 McCarty Lane, Austin, TX

The selected consultant will provide Architectural services to:

- Construct larger vehicle bays at the three existing EMS Stations
- Accommodate the new, larger ambulances
- Construct larger quarters for paramedics
- Improve driveway access for ambulances

The designs will meet the requirements for a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Silver rating from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

The selected consultant will provide full architectural/engineering services for all phases of the project including design, bid construction and warranty phases, including necessary variances from the Board of Adjustments and/or Planning Commission for parking, building setback, impervious cover, and driveway locations. Partial demolition, as well as renovation of the existing structure, combined with new construction may be necessary too. The selected consultant will be responsible for making presentations to the community in public outreach meetings and to the boards and commissions as required by the site plan permit process.

This authorization provides for funding of professional services related to preliminary, design, bid, construction, and warranty phase services.

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 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 and 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 1851 firms on April 21, 2014. The RFQ was obtained by 67 firms and 3 submitted qualification statements. Two of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: MWM DesignGroup

ALTERNATE FIRM: Architecture + Plus

MWM Design Group is located in Austin, TX.
Architectural + Plus is located in Austin, TX.