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## Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting		Item ID:	34652	Agenda Number	23.
Meeting Date:	August 28, 2014				
Department:	Contract Management				
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP154, to provide engineering services for development of the YBC Urban Trail Route in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the FY 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.					
Fiscal Note					
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Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendation is the most qualified out of 4 firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.				
Prior Council Action:	<div></div>				
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Boards and Commission Action:	<div></div>				
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 16.00% MBE and 15.80% WBE subconsultant participation.				
Additional Backup Information					

The purpose of this project is to provide field engineering services for the five mile Urban Trail from the Y at Oak Hill to Barton Creek, namely the upcoming Mopac Bicycle Bridge project. The trail would service several major employers (AMD, Freescale), schools (St. Andrews, ACC Pinnacle Campus) and local residents.

The reason, and name, for the YBC Trail was brought about by the Oak Hills Trail Association. The YBC Trail is also included as a recommendation within the Oak Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan.

The YBC Trail will help to complete Austin's trail network by connecting the Oak Hill area of southwest Austin to downtown Austin. The trail will provide an alternative transportation way through neighborhoods, schools, businesses, parks, shops and enjoy the benefits of green spaces. It will connect both nature and urban life.

The Phase I Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) will include environmental analysis and research regarding easement acquisition. The environmental analysis will include the preparation of any necessary documents, including an Environmental Resource Inventory. The goal of the trail in the area is to create public access to the land without compromising water quality. The recommendations for easement acquisition will include a parcel by parcel analysis and cost estimate for the proposed route.

Phase II encompasses design and bid documents preparation and Phase III is construction management services. Phases II & III are contingent upon specific written authorization and funding. Council authorization is for Phase I services only.

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 1631 firms on April 17, 2014. The RFQ was obtained by 128 firms and 6 submitted qualification statements. Two of the six were deemed non-compliant by SMBR. Of the four (4) firms evaluated, one was recommended by staff. None of the firms were certified as MBE or WBE.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

ALTERNATE FIRM: KLOTZ ASSOCIATES, INC.

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