

Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council Commissioners Court Meeting

Item ID: 36646

Agenda Number 9.

Meeting Date: October 2, 2014

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. for engineering services for the 2010 Floodplain Modeling and Mapping Engineering Services Rotation List, in the amount of \$1,250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,250,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 9, 2011 - Council approved an amendment to the professional services agreement for additional authorization in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. March 11, 2010 - Council approved the 2010 Floodplain Modeling & Mapping Engineering Services Rotation List and authorized negotiation and execution of professional service agreements in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.
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Information:	7141
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 5.89% MBE and 2.45% WBE participation to date.
Additional Backup Information	

This \$1,250,000 of additional authorization will be distributed to HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. to complete the Onion Creek Flood Hazard Mitigation Study. The new replacement rotation list is not expected until early 2015.

On March 11, 2010, two firms were selected for the 2010 Floodplain Modeling & Mapping Engineering Services Rotation List with a total authorization amount of \$2,000,000. On June 9, 2011, Council approved an amendment to the professional services agreement for additional authorization in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. This rotation list was established for floodplain modeling and mapping due to rapid land development and urbanization on many urban and suburban watersheds which would preclude going through the normal individual project Request For Qualifications (RFQ) selection process. To date, two firms have received assignments for an estimated total of \$2,419,128.85.

The additional \$1,250,000 in authorization is required in order to accommodate the expedited performance of the Onion Creek Flood Hazard Mitigation Study. This study, which was prompted by the 2013 Halloween flood and subsequent Council direction, will evaluate flood control options for the portion of Onion Creek between I-35 and Bluff Springs Road that was impacted by the flood (the Onion Creek neighborhood) and provide updated flood hazard data for other portions of the Onion Creek watershed.

This item has been approved by the City's Change Control Committee.

HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. is located in Austin, TX.