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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

37700

Agenda Number

20.

Meeting Date:

November 20, 2014

Department:

Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with DESIGN WORKSHOP, INC. (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP161, to provide landscape architecture services for the Veterans and Eilers Park Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$83,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

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

Prior Council Action:



For More Information:

Reynaldo Hernandez, 512-974-9464; 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 28.97% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

The Veterans and Eilers Park Improvements Project involves a new design for both parks, development of construction documents, and management of the construction process.

Veterans Park – 2200 Veterans Drive, Austin Texas, 78703

The selected consultant shall develop a design for the housing of three existing war memorials removed from Waterloo Park on a currently non-developed park parcel identified as 'Veterans Park'. The design shall reflect a heightened sense of sensitivity in regards to the placement of the current memorials and any future memorials. The design shall also be accommodating to various events and observances related to veterans affairs. The design shall respond to and reflect the needs of the local veteran's community with the assistance of the City's Commission on Veterans Affairs.

PARD anticipates the improvements to include hardscape, retaining walls, seat walls, shade elements, and landscape beds. The focus of the design shall be to display three war memorials representing the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Hostile Action in Beirut. The proposed design should allocate room for additional memorials that may be commissioned by the Commission on Veterans Affairs at future dates. The intent of the design shall be to display the monuments and to accommodate events associated with the war memorials. Such events may include ceremonies, dedications and national holiday observances.

Eilers Park – 401 Deep Eddy Ave., Austin Texas, 78703

The selected consultant shall redesign the existing playscape area and grounds including the incorporation of nature-based play elements. The design shall compliment and add to the family oriented recreational opportunities in conjunction with Deep Eddy Pool. The new design will primarily improve the experience and amenities utilized by stakeholders. PARD recognizes the potential of Eilers Park as a family oriented experience in conjunction with the Deep Eddy aquatic facility.

The proposed improvements shall include new park signage, accessible drinking fountains, benches, picnic areas with tables, trash receptacles, ADA compliant walkways and ramp and an updated play structure integrated into the landscape that provides nature-based play opportunities. In addition to integrated amenities such as retaining walls, seat walls and landscape beds, the design shall also plan for and enhance the existing circulation routes from the adjacent community and activities.

This authorization provides for funding of services related to professional landscape architecture services for preliminary design, design, bid/award, and construction of both parks.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with the 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; 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 1145 firms on August 1, 2014. The RFQ was obtained by 1110 firms and 2 submitted qualification statements. One of the firms was certified MBE/WBE firm.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: DESIGN WORKSHOP, INC

ALTERNATE FIRM: ASAKURA ROBINSON COMPANY LLC

Design Workshop, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

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