

AGENDA



Recommendation for Committee Action

Mobility Committee	Item ID	44932	Agenda Number	8.
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Meeting Date:	4/29/2015	Department:	Management Services
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Subject

Consider and develop recommendations relating to a professional services agreement with CHIANG PATEL & YERBY, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP169, to provide peer review engineering services for the Peer Review of Redbud Trail Bridge over Lady Bird Lake in an amount not to exceed \$258,000. Related to Item # 7.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of four firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
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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). Limited subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no MBE /WBE participation goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

Item to be brought before Council for review at the June 4, 2015 City Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the Redbud Trail Bridge over Lady Bird Lake Replacement Project is to provide a bridge that provides safe and efficient access for people, goods, and service vehicles across Lady Bird Lake. The bridge must serve for 100 years and meet current design standards for cars, trucks, pedestrians, and bicycles. The bridge is critical to the welfare of the daily commuters because it provides connection for vehicular access to several major roads and communities. The Redbud Trail Bridge will be a multi-span structure connecting Austin to Westlake over Lady Bird Lake just downstream of the Tom Miller Dam.

The selected engineering firm will coordinate closely with the selected bridge design engineering firm and the City's Project Management Staff to perform the peer review engineering services for the Design of the Redbud Trail Bridge over Lady Bird Lake Project CLMP168. This responsibility will commence from the beginning of the Bridge Conceptual Engineering Report and conclude with the 100% design completion of the bridge that had been approved by the City for construction. The Peer Review coordination with the Bridge Designer will occur in both formal day

to day contacts and via formal project meetings and reviews. The information process will include Over the Shoulder Reviews or work in progress to identify and resolve issues early in design. The City expects that the Bridge Designer and selected Peer Review Consultant will generally resolve issues where they may initially differ. City project management staff will be involved in discussions between the Bridge Designer and Peer Review Consultant. All correspondence between the Bridge Designer and Peer Review Consultant will include the City's Project Management staff.

A Request for Qualifications for peer review engineering services was originally released in February of 2014 as one solicitation for the Peer Review of Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek and Redbud Trail Bridge. Staff cancelled that solicitation in order to consider additional feedback from key stakeholders regarding concerns over the historical significance and the possible replacement of the Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek. Prior to the release of the current Request for Qualifications, the City solicited, received input and met with representatives from the Austin Preservation Committee and Texas Historical Commission. This exchange of information provided an objective forum to address historical concerns for the project while communicating the City's objectives for the solicitation and ultimately led to a more robust solicitation. The City decided to issue two separate solicitations to adequately address the unique requirements for each bridge; one solicitation for the Peer Review for Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek and one solicitation for the Peer Review for Redbud Trail Bridge.

This authorization provides funding only for the peer review of the preliminary engineering services (Bridge Conceptual Engineering Report) completed by the selected consultant for the design of the Redbud Trail Bridge. Staff will next return to Council with the Bridge Conceptual Engineering Report results and present the bridge design options and associated costs. Due to the inability to determine the options and its associated cost at this time, staff will return to Council to request additional funding for the peer review engineering services for the completion of the final design and construction phase services.

This solicitation was released without established MBE/WBE participation goals. The Small and Minority Business Resources Department reviewed the scopes of work identified for the project and determined that the limited scopes did not have enough certified firms to warrant the establishment of MBE/WBE participation goals. Although no goals were established for this solicitation, the MBE/WBE program ordinance is still in effect and any prime consultant identifying a subconsultant opportunity was required to contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department for a list of available certified firms.

This Request for Qualifications solicitation was issued on October 24, 2014 through the City's Vendor Connection web portal, which resulted in 1,027 firms receiving notice. The solicitation documents were obtained by 58 firms and 5 firms submitted responses. None of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms. Of the four firms evaluated, no firms were interviewed which resulted in the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDED FIRM: CHIANG PATEL & YERBY, INC.

ALTERNATE FIRM: WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC.

Chiang Patel & Yerby, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas

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