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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	46347	Agenda Number	13.
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2015			
Department:	Contract Management			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with FREESE & NICHOLS INC. dba FREESE & NICHOLS (staff recommendation), or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP175, to provide Engineering Services for the Reservoir Improvements Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of Austin Water Utility.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of seven firms evaluated through the City's qualifications-based selection process.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Joe B. Smith, 512-972-0231; Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Natasha Goodwin, 512-972-0115; Elizabeth Godfrey-Weidig, 512-974-7141			
Boards and Commission Action:	June 10, 2015 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 5-0-2 vote with Commissioners Castleberry and Lee off the dais.			
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 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.			
Additional Backup Information				

The City has approximately 50 steel, and 4 concrete potable water storage reservoirs in the potable water supply system. The City selects one or more of the 54 reservoirs each year for evaluation and repair. These evaluations and repairs will maximize the useful life of the city's potable water storage facilities. This will involve multiple projects to rehabilitate protective coatings on the interior and exterior of City's potable water storage facilities and to make improvements to the associated safety, structural, civil, electrical, instrumentation and security systems at these sites. Approximately \$2 million dollars will be expended annually to make improvements and to provide rehabilitation of these reservoirs.

The recommended firm will provide engineering and professional services for the preliminary design, design phase, bidding phase, construction phase, and post construction phase services for the multiple projects. The preliminary design shall examine the reservoir structure (roof, walls, floor, appurtenances including interior roof investigation from a raft, if required) as determined necessary for each reservoir proposed for improvements. Other steel structures including hydropneumatic tanks and/or pipelines on the site will also be examined as directed. The reservoirs will also be evaluated for compliance with current Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations. The recommended firm shall provide engineering design, detailed plans and specifications for improvements including recoating, construction, renovations and repairs. Improvements may include vent and valve replacements, hatches, additional platforms and railing, cathodic protection, diffusers, drain and solids vaults, and other structural or safety improvements to the reservoirs as directed.

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 that provider. Participation sub-goals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00 % Hispanic; 4.90% Native/Asian; and 15.8 0% 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 also 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 solicitation issued on February 9, 2015 through the City's Vendor Connection web portal, which resulted in 1605 firms receiving notice. The solicitation was obtained by 101 firms, and seven submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified MBE /WBE firms. Of the seven firms evaluated, no firms were interviewed which resulted in the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDED FIRM: FREESE & NICHOLS INC. / FREESE & NICHOLS

ALTERNATE FIRM: KLEINFELDER CENTRAL INC. / KLEINFELDER

Freese & Nichols Inc. is located in Austin, TX
Kleinfelder Central Inc. is located in Austin, TX