

Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council Item ID: 49422 Agenda Number 13.

Meeting Date: September 17, 2015

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with RS ELLIS INC., DBA SOUTHWEST CORPORATION for the Parking Expansion: Far South Clinic and Montopolis Neighborhood Center Project in the amount of \$535,679.72 plus a \$53,568 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$589,247.72.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing	Lowest responsive bid of two bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid
Language:	solicitation.
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More	Raymundo Minjarez, 512-974-1618; Filip Gecic, 512-972-2602; Lucy Bonee, 512-974-7967;
Information:	Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Elizabeth Godfrey-Weidig, 512-974-7141.
Boards and	
Commission	
Action:	
Related Items:	
	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A Minority Owned
MBE / WBE:	and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program through the achievements of
	Good Faith Efforts with 27.00% MBE and 3.00% WBE subcontractor participation.
Additional Backup Information	

Austin voters approved this project in the 2012 bond election. The Health and Human Services Department is in need of additional parking spaces as the demand for services has increased at two locations: the Far South Clinic at 405 West Stassney Lane and the Montopolis Neighborhood Center located at 1416 Montopolis Drive. The Far South Clinic currently has only seven spaces for visitors and 14 spaces for staff. This site offers two programs: Shots for Tots and Women Infant Children (WIC) services. The Far South Clinic location sees approximately 61,000 participants annually. Similarly, the Montopolis Neighborhood Center currently has only five parking spaces for visitors and eight spaces for staff. This Center sees approximately 19,000 participants annually for various services.

Due to inadequate parking at both locations, engineering designs were completed to increase the parking accommodations at the Far South Clinic by 19 parking stalls for a total of 40, and increase the Montopolis Neighborhood Center by 13 parking stalls for a total of 26. The project also consists of improvements to the existing storm water drainage pond, additional trees and landscaping, the relocation and enlargement of the community garden and other improvements to meet Site Plan requirements at the Far South Clinic site. The increase in parking stalls will allow Health and Human Services Department to better serve its clients and staff.

The project is not time sensitive, but provides much needed parking for its program participants. A delay in the project may have an impact that can only be measured through the quantity of participants that are served at that specific Health and Human Services Department location.

Due to the potential for conflicts when working in an active parking lot, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

The contract allows 210 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78745 and 78741 (District 2 and 3) and is managed by the Public Works Department.

RS Ellis Inc., DBA Southwest Corporation is located in Austin, Texas.