

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	50026	Agenda Number	6.
Meeting Date:	October 1, 2015			
Department:	Contract Management			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with M.A. SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC., for the Nelray Boulevard and Evans Avenue Utility Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$3,132,658.75 plus a \$156,632.94 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,289,291.69.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of six bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.			
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:	September 9, 2015 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission with a 9-0-1 vote with Commissioner Kellough absent.			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program by meeting the goals with 5.84% MBE and 1.82% WBE participation.			
Additional Backup Information				
<p>The Nelray Boulevard and Evans Avenue project is part of the Renewing Austin Program. The purpose of the Renewing Austin Program is to assess the condition of water lines throughout the system. The program was created in order to establish and determine triggers for the replacement of aging and deteriorating water line pipes. Austin Water Utility staff has attempted to systematically propose replacement of pipes as appropriate. These pipes are grouped together geographically to form one cohesive project.</p> <p>The work consists of the installation of approximately 3,030 linear feet of wastewater mains and installation of 5,721 linear feet of water lines. Also included is the abandonment of 730 linear feet of existing 2-inch water line parallel to an existing 12-inch water line on North Loop Boulevard. This will remove redundant pipe within the water system. During design it was determined that numerous aging wastewater lines in the same vicinity also needed replacing. These wastewater lines are included in this project.</p> <p>Staff has met with area residents and businesses to provide a project overview and discuss construction, schedule and potential impacts. A follow-up "Meet the Contractor" meeting will be held a month prior to construction, and regular outreach meetings will be held throughout the duration of the project. This project is not time sensitive. However, a delay could lead to failure of the aging and deteriorating water lines.</p>				

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts, a 5% 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 245 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78751 (District 9) and is managed by the Public Works Department. M.A. Smith Contracting Co., Inc., is located in Austin, Texas.