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Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

54017

Agenda Number

4.

Meeting Date:

January 28, 2016

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with M.A. SMITH CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC., for Austin Heights Neighborhood Water System Upgrades project in the amount of \$1,692,497.50 plus an \$84,624.87 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,777,122.37.

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:

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on January 13, 2016.

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 5.26% MBE and 1.19% WBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Heights Neighborhood Water System Upgrades project is a component of the Austin Water Utility Renewing Austin Program. This Program was developed to rehabilitate the City's aging water infrastructure by replacing 10 miles of water pipe per year.

The Austin Heights Neighborhood Water System Upgrades project is located within the boundaries of 38th Street to the north, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd to the south, Tillery Street to the east, and Boggy Creek to the west. The water rehabilitation consists of replacing approximately 6,620 linear feet of 8-inch water line and approximately 205 linear feet of 12-inch water line. Also included is the installation of 155 water service connections, 15 fire hydrants and 43 gate valves.

Due to the potential for encountering unknown utilities 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 Public Works Department and Austin Water Utility's Public Information Offices have mailed out flyers regarding the upcoming project. In addition, a neighborhood meeting was held on January 13, 2016 and a meet the contractor meeting will be scheduled for March 2016.

This neighborhood has had to endure numerous shut downs of service due to pipes breaking from the old and deteriorating infrastructure. Failure to execute this contract in a timely manner will impact the City's ability to maintain the residential water and wastewater system without further inconvenience to area residents.

The contract allows 300 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78722 (District 1). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

A complete solicitation package, including bid tabulation, is on file with the City's Capital Contracting Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

M.A. Smith Contracting Company, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.