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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

64884

Agenda Number

30.

Meeting Date:

December 1, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 48-month contract with RJN GROUP, INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals EAD0128, to provide wastewater flow monitoring services, in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,600,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,083,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining 38 months of the original contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) EAD0128 for these services on June 20, 2016 and it closed on July 19, 2016 with three offers received. The recommended offer is the best evaluated offer submitted by a responsible offeror. Additional information on the solicitation is included below the line.

Prior Council Action:



For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

November 9, 2016 - Unanimously recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner's Parker and Turrieta absent.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide wastewater flow monitoring services for the wastewater collection system, including comprehensive monitoring of over 2,800 miles of collection system piping throughout the city. Several Austin Water divisions will use different types of meters to obtain flow monitoring data to determine inflow and infiltration, serve as a warning tool for wastewater overflows, and ensure pipes and facilities are the appropriate size to safely convey wastewater from customers to treatment facilities.

Data will be collected during wet and dry weather conditions to ensure that the wastewater system has adequate capacity to convey all of the wastewater in the City's wastewater piping system. Identification of wastewater pipes and pumps that are inadequate in size will help the City to identify areas of concern to prevent sanitary sewer overflow. In areas where wastewater system capacity is known to be at or near capacity, Austin Water uses the data to identify areas of concern, develop plans to provide adequate capacity, and prioritize capital improvement projects.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored RJN Group, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on their health and safety and quality assurance/control plans, experience and personnel qualifications, project approach and processing of data, equipment resources, and total price, and local business presence.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

If the contract is not secured, the lack of wastewater flow monitoring will result in inadequate information to properly assess system capacity and could allow critical problems in the wastewater system to remain undetected.

This will be a new contract; that will include comprehensive services for permanent, rotating, and temporary flow monitoring. Austin Water's previous contract was for permanent flow monitoring and procured temporary and rotating flow monitoring services through short term and spot procurements.

A complete solicitation package, including a response list, is on file in the City's Purchasing Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)

RJN GROUP, INC.				
	# months	Contract Amount	Contract Amendment	Revised Amount
Original Term	48	\$ 5,200,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1	12	\$ 1,350,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2	12	\$ 1,350,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 3	12	\$ 1,350,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 4	12	\$ 1,350,000	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	96	\$ 10,600,000	\$ -	\$ -