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Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

67608

Agenda Number

4.

Meeting Date:

February 16, 2017

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize an amendment to the construction contract with DENUCCI CONSTRUCTORS, LLC for the Rio Grande: 24th Street to 29th Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustments project to increase the contingency funding amount by \$162,313.70, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,037,489.10. (District 9)

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

Prior Council Action:

November 19, 2015 – Council approved a construction contract with Denucci Construction, LLC.

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

N/A

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 5.29% MBE and 0.99% WBE subcontractor participation.

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of the Rio Grande 24th Street to 29th Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustments project is to reconstruct Rio Grande Street from 24th Street to 29th Street. The work includes 3,170 linear feet of 12-inch diameter water line, 131 linear feet of 8-inch diameter wastewater line, full depth street reconstruction, bike lane additions, storm drainage improvements, and streetscape improvements which include plantings, benches, and fire hydrants. The project began February 20, 2016 with a contract that allocated 400 calendar days for completion of the project with the expectation of substantial completion by July 2017.

During construction, the contractor encountered an Austin Energy duct bank that was not shown in the plans. Work on the project was delayed while staff evaluated the situation and relocated the utility. The resulting change order compensating the contractor for the delay used nearly half of the original contingency and the project is approximately 56% complete.

The original Council authorization included a 5% funding contingency. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. With approximately 44% of the project remaining, an additional 2.5% contingency is being requested to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders due to the potential for other unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right of way. Other potential changes include quantity adjustments for tree plantings, miscellaneous property repairs outside the scope of the original contract, utility adjustments, etc.

This change order has been approved by the City's Change Control Committee. The City's Change Control Committee will review all the proposed Change Orders when they are finalized prior to Council Approval and an issuance of a notice to proceed. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

Public communication to the affected areas has been continuous and is achieved through a combination of emails, mailings, and a project website.

This project is located within zip code 78705 (District 9). This project is managed by the Public Works Department.

DeNucci Constructors, LLC is located in Austin, Texas.