

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council

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69898

Agenda Number

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Meeting Date:

May 4, 2017

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following three staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP219: BAER ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC., AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., and TRC ENVIRONMENTAL CORP., INC., for engineering services for the 2017 Brownfields Environmental Services Rotation List for an estimated period of five years or until financial authorization is expended, with the total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 divided among the three firms.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budget of Austin Resource Recovery.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is selection of the three most qualified firms out of 15 firms evaluated through the City's qualifications-based selection process.

Prior Council Action:

N/A

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on April 12, 2017.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program by meeting the goal with 10.32% DBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

Austin Resource Recovery has received three grants funded by the Environmental Protection Agency to address existing environmental concerns for properties in Austin. The Brownfields Office supports redeveloping properties by providing support for site assessments and remediation assistance.

The selected firms will provide all environmental services related to studies, sampling, testing, analyses, recommendations, designs, regulatory review and/or construction management for projects that may involve:

- Environmental assessments;
- Petroleum storage tank issues;

- Site remediation;
- Landfills;
- Indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring and assessments;
- Biological assessments;
- Sustainability studies;
- Noise surveys and studies;
- Risk analysis;
- Pollution control technology assessments;
- Soil monitoring; surface water monitoring;
- Groundwater monitoring; hazardous and non-hazardous waste analysis, transport and/or disposal;
- Confirmation sampling, contaminant identification, delineation, and fate and transport modeling;
- Monitoring well installation and groundwater gauging;
- Site and monitoring well surveying;
- Containerization, characterization, and appropriate disposal of investigation and remediation derived wastes; and
- Conduct mold, asbestos and lead-based paint inspections and surveys and develop cost estimates for mold, asbestos and/or lead-based paint abatement.

Rotation List contracting allows the City to always have a group of qualified consultants available to perform a specific type of recurring work in a timely manner to meet the project and operational needs of the City. Establishing a rotation list contract specifically for the Brownfields services is an efficient method to ensure there are pre-qualified vendors available to perform the work required or oversight of the work required to meet the Environmental Protection Agency grant requirements.

Prior to issuing this solicitation, it was reviewed by the City's Rotation List Advisory Committee, which is made up of staff from the Capital Contracting Office, Small and Minority Business Resource Department, Austin Resource Recovery Department, and Public Works Department. The total authorization amount, the number of firms to be recommended for selection, and the authorization amount per firm were discussed and reviewed by the Committee. Upcoming projects will require external engineering services to properly implement.

Currently the City does not have an existing Brownfields Environmental Services Rotation List. This solicitation was issued in order to meet the federal grant requirements for third verification of Brownfields' assessment and remediation activities.

A delay in approval of this award could result in failure to meet grant requirements.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the three recommended firms for an estimated period of five years or until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. Per firm authorizations may be increased or decreased, through the life of the contract, based on the needs of a particular assignment and will follow the established rotation list policies and procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

Information on this solicitation is available on the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

TOP RANKED FIRMS:

BAER ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC. is located in Austin, TX
 AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., is located in Austin, TX
 TRC ENVIRONMENTAL CORP., INC., is located on Austin, TX