

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: May 10, 2018

Item Number: **012**

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms, or other qualified responders, to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP238: HDR Engineering, Inc; Geosyntec Consultants, Inc; Stantec Consulting Services Inc; CDM Smith Inc., and Freese and Nichols, Inc. for engineering services for the 2018 Stream Restoration and Stormwater Treatment Engineering Services Rotation List for an estimated period of five years or until financial authorization is expended, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 divided among the five firms. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.]

Lead Department	Capital Contracting Office <u>Managing Department(s)</u> Watershed Protection Department
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.
Purchasing Language	Staff recommendation is selection of the four most qualified firms out of 12 firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov. NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929, or the Project Manager, Eric Loucks, 512-974-2534.

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Additional Backup Information:

The City's Watershed Protection Department provides water-quality protection, flood mitigation and stream erosion services as part of its watershed management program. The Department requires external professional engineering services to assist in the execution of Capital Improvement Projects and the development of code/criteria updates and special studies related to stream restoration and stormwater treatment.

Anticipated Services:

The selected firms will provide stream restoration and stormwater treatment engineering services for the Watershed Protection Department. Project assignments will typically include preliminary engineering, design, bidding and construction phase services. Some project assignments may only consist of assessments, studies or planning efforts.

As a standard business practice, the City routinely engages the services of professional engineering firms to perform analysis, design and support services associated with construction or improvement of City capital assets. 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.

Prior to issuing, this solicitation 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, Public Works Department, and other user departments. 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. The Capital Contracting Office expects that user departments will require these services to meet current and future engineering needs.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the four 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.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

HDR Engineering, Inc., is located in Austin, TX.

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., is located in Austin, TX.

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

CDM Smith Inc., is located in Austin, TX.

Freese and Nichols, Inc., is located in Austin, TX.