



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2456, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

8/8/2019

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Rider Construction Group, LLC, for the Walsh Boat Landing - Site Improvements project in the amount of \$1,112,766.37 plus a \$111,276.63 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,224,042.90.

[Note: 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 13.92% MBE and 2.33% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

### **Managing Department(s)**

Parks and Recreation Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Only responsive bid received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

### **Prior Council Action:**

September 8, 2014 - Council approved Resolution No. 20140908-001 - Resolution to accept Grant funds from Texas Parks and Wildlife Boating Access Grant Program.

October 3, 2013 - Council approved Resolution No. 20131003-015 Authorized the Grant application as required by the grantor Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

June 16, 2011 - Council approved Resolution No. 20111060-016- Approval of Application to be submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Boating Access Grant.

### **For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto: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, Reynaldo Hernandez PLA , 512-974-9464.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

In late 2011, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) began the process of assessing the existing

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conditions of Walsh Boat Landing and found deteriorating conditions of the bulkheads and docks, as well as the lack of amenities associated with the primary activity of the park facility. Also, identified were pedestrian circulation issues primarily associated with accessibility compliance and boat ramp road conditions and alignment. PARD recognizes the importance of this facility as a unique opportunity to serve the community and enhance PARD's recreational facility inventory. In response to these findings, PARD has secured funding through Park Land Dedication fees and the 2012 and 2018 Bonds including a matching Boat Grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The purpose of the project is to provide restoration of existing bulkhead to meet current City of Austin lake front codes addressing shoreline erosion and restoration of existing dock structure with more durable and sustainable materials. In addition, improvements will include improved pedestrian circulation compliant with current American with Disability Act requirements including one accessible parking spot. The timeframe to comply with the Boating Access Grant provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to build the proposed improvements initiated on October 1, 2018. The grant construction time frame allows for improvements to be completed by June 30, 2022.

Only one bid was submitted for this project. Staff reached out to the companies that attended the pre-bid but ultimately chose not to submit. Responses included inability to bid on the project based on the project documents, difficulty accessing supplies and sub-contractors for the work, and timing with other current work.

Numerous public outreach meetings have occurred to address stakeholder concerns regarding use of the Walsh Boat Landing facility. The first meeting took place in October 2015 and a second meeting was held on April 19, 2016 specifically to discuss the use of the facility and to present the proposed improvements. Prior to construction start, notice will be posted on site and communicated via social media. Communications will include anticipated duration of the closure beginning in early September 2019 through late Spring 2020.

Due to the potential for unforeseen shoreline conditions when working in an existing facility, a 10% 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 contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78761 (District 10).

Rider Construction Group, LLC, is located in Austin , Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=129155>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=129155).