



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2485, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

8/8/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. (MBE), for the Future Downtown Substation Water & Wastewater Relocation project, in the amount of \$594,021 plus a \$59,402 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$653,423.

[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 98.65% MBE and 1.35% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department(s)

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

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

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, Tony L. Lopez, 512-975-6581.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 10-0, with Chair Ferchill absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This project will relocate existing wastewater utilities prior to the construction of a new electric substation to serve the growing number of residents and businesses associated with massive redevelopment in the Downtown Austin area and future redevelopment along Waller Creek.

This project consists of relocations of wastewater utilities located within the property at 55 East Avenue in preparation for use by Austin Energy to build an electric substation. The contract includes: construction of approximately 609 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch wastewater lines, including associated manhole structures, excavation, and backfill; construction of approximately 288 linear feet of 6-inch and 12-inch water lines, including associated valves, fittings, appurtenances, excavation, and backfill for connection to an existing, in-

service 12-inch waterline; removal and replacement of asphalt roadway, base, and concrete curbs within utility-dense City right-of-way; and abandonment of existing 15-inch and 8-inch wastewater lines and a segment of 12-inch waterline, and removal of existing 12-inch waterline.

The Downtown Austin Plan adopted by the City Council in 2012 identified the need for a new substation to serve the fast-growing Rainey Street District and redevelopment in Downtown Austin and along Waller Creek. This project will allow the construction of a new electric substation at 55 East Avenue.

A delay in this wastewater infrastructure relocation project could delay construction for the new substation, which is scheduled to begin late in the summer of 2020. The rapid pace of redevelopment in the downtown area is close to exceeding the electrical facility requirements needed for the near- and long-term future. Therefore, if the construction of the substation is delayed, the downtown area will be at an increased risk of power outages.

This project is included in Austin Energy's "Repowering Downtown" community outreach efforts including presentations to and meetings with the Rainey Street Neighborhood Association, Town Lake Neighborhood Association, Towers of Town Lake Homeowners Association, Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association, Mexican-American Cultural Center (MACC) Board, City of Austin Design Commission, Waller Creek Conservancy, Downtown Austin Association, Building Owners and Managers Association, and Real Estate Council of Austin. In addition, Austin Energy held two informational and public input meetings at the MACC in 2018 and earlier in 2019, and a third is planned for August 2019.

The relocation of wastewater infrastructure will allow construction to begin on the new substation to ensure residents and businesses have reliable, resilient and redundant electrical service as a vibrant downtown Austin continues its expansion of office, commercial, and residential development.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions, 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 197 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).

(MH) Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. 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=127831>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=127831).