



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2619, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

8/22/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Doucet & Associates, Inc., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP264 to provide engineering services for the Upper Harris Branch Interceptor project in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

[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

Managing Department(s)

Austin Water

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

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Prior Council Action:

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of seven 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, Beverly Mendez, 512-974-3596, or the Project Manager, Kane Wei, 512-972-2050.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on August 14, 2019

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Water desires to install a new sewer interceptor to provide gravity relief to the Dessau Wastewater Treatment Plant (Dessau WWTP) and multiple lift stations in the Harris Branch basin. Existing easements in this area were determined to be non-functional for installation of the interceptor due to their location in the Critical Water Quality Zone of Harris Branch Creek. A recently completed technical memo has determined a new horizontal route alignment and general profile for the interceptor that considers these obstacles. The

complete alignment routes through at least 50 properties, many which are currently in site plan development.

Timely design and construction is desired to provide relief to the Dessau WWTP and nearby lift stations, and to provide opportunities for wastewater service to undeveloped properties in the basin. It will be essential to quickly acquire survey and geotechnical data to confirm the route alignment and begin the easement acquisition process. This interceptor is a key component to the overall collection system and wastewater treatment planning in this area.

Some outreach to residents has already occurred, with major community involvement planned during the design phase (community meetings, discussions with property owners, etc.).

This authorization provides funding for engineering services to be used in the design, bid, construction, and warranty phases. The total construction cost and associated engineering fees will be based on the design and the option selected by Austin Water. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

If this project is delayed, costly upgrades may be required at the Dessau WWTP due to increased demand from its surrounding customers.

This project is located within zip codes 78754 and 78660, within the City's ETJ (District 1).

TOP RANKED FIRM: Doucet & Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas

SECOND RANKED FIRM: Jacobs Engineering Group, 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=130133>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130133).