

# **Recommendation for Action**

## File #: 19-3371, Agenda Item #: 8.

12/5/2019

## Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP269 to provide engineering services for the Boggy Creek Lift Station Force Main Extension project in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

[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 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

### Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of seven firms evaluated through the City's qualificationbased 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:

November 13, 2019 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner on an 7-0-1-3 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing, Commissioner Ho off the dais, and Commissioners Schmitt and Williams absent.

### Additional Backup Information:

The objective of this project is to extend the 36-inch diameter discharge force main from the Boggy Creek Lift Station to the Lockheed Shaft of the Govalle Wastewater Diversion Tunnel, in order to allow for abandonment of the South Austin Regional Transfer Lift Station (SARTLS). The SARTLS has posed an operational and environmental risk due to its age and its location near the banks of the Colorado River. This force main extension will require a new pipeline tunnel crossing under the Colorado River.

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Construction of this force main replacement and extension will provide greater capacity to convey wastewater flows to the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant during wet weather events. Additionally, it will allow for the abandonment of the South Austin Regional Transfer Lift Station, which is located near the southern bank of the Colorado River. The increased capacity and abandonment of SARTLS will help prevent the possibility of a sanitary sewer overflow during wet weather events.

Outreach to local residents and neighborhoods will occur during the design phase.

This authorization provides for funding for engineering design, bid, construction, and warranty phase services. The total construction cost and associated engineering fees will be based on the design and 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.

**TOP RANKED FIRM:** AECOM Technical Services, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

SECOND RANKED FIRM: Doucet & Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\_services/solicitation/closed\_solicitations.cfm">https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\_services/solicitation/closed\_solicitations.cfm</a>