



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1182, **Agenda Item #:** 4.

2/20/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with M.A. Smith Contracting Company, Inc., for the Williamson Creek - Bitter Creek Tributary Channel Rehabilitation project, in the amount of \$2,969,736 plus a \$296,973 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,266,709.

[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 8.38% MBE and 1.46% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

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 <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>.

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Dario Octaviano, 512-974-7607.

Additional Backup Information:

The Watershed Protection Department has identified a tributary to Williamson Creek as a priority reach for erosion repair. This stream has adjusted to urbanization by becoming wider and deeper, impacting approximately 67 residential properties along the reach and degrading the riparian habitat.

The work includes approximately 1,800 linear feet of degraded stream channel repair and stabilization. The repair project will stabilize the stream channel, replace degraded storm drain infrastructure, remove trash and sediment from an inline pond, and improve the ecological function.

This item includes an allowance of \$20,000 that will be used for structure removal or relocation. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding. This contract will also include award of an alternate bid item of \$219,190 for pond dredging and improvements. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately and may be awarded as part of the contract if the bids come within

the specified budget.

All work will occur in the creek which is located behind residential properties; therefore, no impact to the public is anticipated.

A delay in executing this contract will leave residential properties vulnerable to further erosion and possible damage or loss of residential properties.

Due to the potential for unforeseen 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 240 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78744 (District 2).

M.A. Smith Contracting Company, 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=125831>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=125831).