



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2425, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

7/29/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Santa Clara Construction Ltd. (MBE) for the Harmon Avenue Area Water and Wastewater System Renewal project in the amount of \$3,153,641.80 plus a \$315,364 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,469,005.80.

[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 72.95% MBE and 0.83% 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 Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of seven 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, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Tomas Rodriguez, 512-974-7730.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2020- . Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Lee, Turrieta and Penn recusing and Commissioner Parton absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The Harmon Avenue Area Water and Wastewater Renewal Project is part of the Renewing Austin Program. Renewing Austin is an ongoing program to replace and upgrade deteriorating and aging water lines with a documented history of multiple breaks. In addition, the program coordinates and includes wastewater lines in need of replacement within the project area.

The project will reduce further expenditures from the Operating and Maintenance budget of Austin Water by preventing repeat water main breaks, sewer leaks and sewer overflows. The work consists of removing and replacing existing water and wastewater mains in the Harmon Avenue Area, bound by Koenig (north), Airport Blvd. (west), East 48th Street (south) and IH-35 (east). Water system upgrades include approximately 8,660

linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch Ductile Iron and PVC pipe along with all services and appurtenances. Wastewater system upgrades include approximately 5,580 linear feet of 8-inch PVC pipe, manholes, and service connections.

This item includes an allowance in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to address contaminated soil and water removal encountered during construction. 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.

The project proposes lane closures and/or detours during off-peak traffic hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday - Sunday). The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. The contractor will work to ensure that residents and businesses have access to their driveways at all times. Roadways will be reopened to the public at the end of each workday. If access cannot be maintained, written notice of limited access will be provided to the affected property owner(s) at least 24 hours in advance.

In addition, there will be temporary water and wastewater service interruptions, primarily during pipeline tie-in and service reconnection. The contractor will coordinate with Austin Water dispatch to notify customers at least 72 hours in advance of service interruption.

A delay in this project will result in continued deterioration of the water and wastewater system causing additional breaks in the lines and maintenance costs.

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 420 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78751 and 78752 (Districts 4 and 9).

Santa Clara Construction Ltd. (MBE/MH) 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=134249>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134249).

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.