



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2433, **Agenda Item #:** 81.

7/29/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP301: MWM Design Group, Inc. (WBE), HDR Engineering, Inc., RPS Infrastructure, Inc., Civilitude, LLC (MBE), and Pape Dawson Engineers, Inc. for engineering services for the 2020 Local Mobility Field Engineering Services Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.

[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**

Public Works Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budgets of the various departments requiring services.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is selection of the five most qualified firms out of 13 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](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) <<mailto: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, Diane Rice, 512-974-7081.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

As a standard business practice, the City routinely engages the services of professional engineering firms to perform analysis, design and support services associated with construction or improvement of City capital assets. Rotation List contracting allows the City to always have a group of qualified consultants available to perform a specific type of recurring work in a timely manner to meet the project and operational needs of the City.

Prior to issuing, this solicitation was reviewed by the City's Rotation List Advisory Committee, which is made up of staff from the Capital Contracting Office, Small and Minority Business Resource Department, Public Works Department, and other user departments. The total authorization amount, the number of firms to be

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recommended for selection, and the authorization amount per firm were discussed and reviewed by the Committee. The Capital Contracting Office expects that user departments will require these services to meet current and future engineering service needs.

In 2016, City Council adopted the Sidewalk Masterplan which includes the sidewalk priorities and selection criteria. As part of the City's ongoing effort to comply with the directives of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, the Public Works Department has developed efficient and cost-effective methods to construct American's with Disabilities Act sidewalks, ramps, bikeways, urban trails, sidewalk repairs, and associated construction.

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts provide for an indefinite quantity of services for a fixed time. They are commonly used when precise quantities of supplies or services, above a specified minimum, cannot be determined. Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts help streamline the contract process and service delivery and allow the City the flexibility to add work as needs arise or change. As each project is defined, a specific work assignment will be given to the contractor who will complete the scope of work for the unit prices included in the contract. Work deadlines will be established for each work assignment.

A Field Engineer will be assigned to work with the contractor to define the final scope of work, alignment and resolve conflicts in the field. The selected firms will interface daily with members of the construction team from City of Austin Construction Inspection, Right-of-Way Management, Sidewalk and Special Projects, Planning and Development Review, Transportation Department, and the Contractor. This contract delivery method also allows for the flexibility of adding projects based on priorities designated by the City.

The City of Austin's 2016 Mobility Bond Election Proposition 1 (<http://austintexas.gov/2016bond>) was approved by Austin voters on November 8, 2016, authorizing the City to issue \$720 million in general obligation bonds to fund transportation and mobility improvements. Subsequently, on November 6, 2018, voters in the City of Austin approved seven bond propositions (<https://www.austintexas.gov/2018bond>) totaling \$925 million with \$160 million for transportation infrastructure, a portion of which is dedicated to sidewalk repair.

This Rotation List will be utilized to deliver components of the 2016 Mobility Bond and 2018 Bond Programs.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the five recommended firms until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. Per firm authorizations may be increased or decreased, through the life of the contract, based on the needs of a particular assignment and will follow the established rotation list policies and procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

#### **RECOMMENDED FIRMS:**

MWM Design Group, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
HDR Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
RPS Infrastructure, Inc. is located in Austin, TX  
Civiltude, LLC is located in Austin, TX  
Pape Dawson Engineers, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

#### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility; Safety.