



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-3254, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

10/29/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Vaca Underground Utilities, Inc. for the East Allandale White Rock Neighborhood Water and Wastewater System Renewal project in the amount of \$3,468,020 plus a \$346,802 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,814,822.

[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 10.03% 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 2020-2021 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](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, Tomas Rodriguez, 512-974-7730.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

October 14, 2020 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioner Turrieta absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The East Allandale White Rock Neighborhood Water and Wastewater System Renewal Project is part of the Renewing Austin Program. Renewing Austin is an ongoing program to replace and upgrade deteriorated 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 East Allandale neighborhood, bound by Greenlawn (north), MoPac (west), Allandale (south) and Burnet Road (east), and a length of wastewater main along

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Burnet Road between Justin Lane and Greenlawn Parkway. Water system upgrades include approximately 8,400 linear feet of 6-inch, 8-inch, and 12-inch Ductile Iron and PVC pipe along with all services and appurtenances. Wastewater system upgrades include approximately 3,200 linear feet of 8-inch PVC pipe and CIPP lining, manholes, and service connections.

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 always have access to driveways. Roadways will be reopened to the public at the end of each working day. 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. Customers will be notified at least 72 hours in advance of any 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 425 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78756 (District 7).

Vaca Underground Utilities, Inc. is located in Houston, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.