



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1585, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

4/22/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to the construction contract with AAR, Inc., for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Buyouts Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract for additional funding in the amount of \$691,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,750,000.

[Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program). Current participation to date is 9.21% DBE.]

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

### **Managing Department**

Public Works Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Original contract was awarded through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation process.

### **Prior Council Action:**

October 19, 2017 - Council approved a contract with AAR, Inc. for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Buyouts Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract.

### **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; Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423; or the Project Manager, Robert Hermosillo, 512-974-5634.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This contract supports the large-scale flood risk reduction buyout efforts for properties at risk of flooding during a 100-year storm event in several locations throughout the City, including the Upper and Lower Onion Creek floodplains, the Charing Cross area, properties along Stassney Lane in Williamson Creek, and properties along February Drive in Walnut Creek.

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts provide for an indefinite quantity of services during a fixed time, usually an initial term with extension options. 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 contracting process, 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

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complete the scope of work for the unit prices included in the contract. Work deadlines will be established for each work assignment.

Since the start of the Upper Onion Creek project, asbestos abatement and demolition activities have been completed for 113 of the acquired properties. There are up to an additional 34 properties in the project area that will need asbestos abatement and demolition. However, the original Council authorization has been exhausted due to additional costs incurred on many of the properties addressed to date. The additional costs are due to revised regulations resulting in the need for re-testing of properties for asbestos-containing materials and developing additional asbestos abatement specifications and reviews. The project also incurred remobilization costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional funding is requested to ensure timely and successful project completion of the remaining properties.

Failure to complete this project in a timely manner will extend the duration of disturbance to the Upper Onion Creek area. Prompt action is requested on this item to ensure necessary project elements are completed and project delays do not occur. These abatements and demolitions are occurring in the Upper Onion Creek floodplain and require the timely coordination of asbestos materials testing and abatement, demolition, and final site clearing to ensure the safety of all disturbed areas.

This amendment has been approved by the City's Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

The contract allows 365 calendar days for completion of this project.

AAR, Inc. is located in Liberty Hill, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety