



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1979, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

6/10/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Underground Water Solutions Co. (MBE) for the West 9th and 12th Streets Water and Wastewater Renewal project in the amount of \$1,886,023.24 plus a \$188,602.32 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,074,625.56.

[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 73.58% MBE and 2.40% WBE.].

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

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 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) <<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, Laurie Thering 512-974-7035.

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

To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on June 2, 2021.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The West 9th and 12th Streets Water and Wastewater Renewal Project is part of the Renewing Austin Program. The Renewing Austin Program is an ongoing effort to replace and upgrade deteriorated and aging water mains with a documented history of multiple breaks, that are in poor condition, and that impact service delivery. In addition, the program coordinates and includes wastewater lines in poor condition and in need of replacement within the project area.

This project consists of the repair and replacement of existing water and wastewater mains located within 6th, 9th, 10th, 12th, and 13th Streets, and Brownlee Circle in the southern section of the project. The water system renewal includes approximately 6,000 linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch main along with service lines to individual properties and associated appurtenances and renewal of approximately 2,700 linear feet of 8-inch

and 12-inch mains, manholes, and service lines to individual properties.

This item includes one allowance. The allowance of \$10,000 will provide for preparation and implementation of the project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for certain items of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

Impact to the travelling public includes detours at the intersections and roadways within the project area. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. The contractor will work to ensure that residents always have access to their 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.

Due to the potential for unknown conditions and utility conflicts, 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. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is critical to the improvement of the infrastructure stability of Austin's water distribution and wastewater collection systems. Delay or deferral of this contract will impact the Public Works Department's ability to deliver the needed water and wastewater improvements in a timely manner and require additional time and cost for City construction crews to conduct maintenance and repairs.

The contract allows 455 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within 78703 (District 9).

Underground Water Solutions Co. (MBE/FH), is located in Manor, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment