



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2311, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

7/29/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Muniz Concrete & Contracting Inc. (MBE), for the Waller Creek Tunnel - Outlet Slide Gates project in the amount of \$293,976 plus a \$29,398 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$323,374.

[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 96.78% MBE and 3.22% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

### **Managing Department**

Watershed Protection Department

### **Fiscal Note**

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

### **Purchasing Language:**

Only responsive bid 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, Susan Kenzle, 512-974-2565.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Stretching from Waterloo Park to Lady Bird Lake, the Waller Creek Tunnel (WCT) is a critical piece of infrastructure that reduces the risk of flooding in downtown Austin. The WCT comprises the Tunnel, the Inlet at Waterloo Park, the 4th and 8th Street Creekside Inlets, and the Outlet at Lady Bird Lake. Two new proposed slide gates at the Waller Creek Tunnel Outlet Facility will enhance operational safety and efficiency.

The purpose of this project is to augment current efficiency and safety of WCT operations. The existing slide gates on the lake side are below the normal water surface elevation and are difficult to operate and maintain. The two new proposed slide gates will be inside the outlet lagoon and operable from above the water surface. This improvement will allow for quick isolation procedures in the event of a spill and will increase safety features during the periodic routine cleaning and maintenance of the Tunnel system. The new slide gates will enhance safety and efficiency by creating redundant isolation capabilities between the WCT and Lady Bird

Lake.

A mandatory pre-bid was held with only two prime bidders attending. Out of the two prime contractors who attended, only one submitted a bid with the second prime ultimately deciding that this project was outside of their scope of work.

This item includes one allowance. The allowance of \$30,000 will be used to provide electrical services to gate actuators. 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.

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

This project is set to coincide with planned periodic maintenance of the WCT, if contract approval is delayed, additional operational cost may occur. There will be no impact to the public as all work will be confined to City property that is not open to the public.

The contract allows 120 days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).

Muniz Concrete & Contracting Inc. (MBE/MH) is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety