



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3070, **Agenda Item #:** 5.

10/21/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. (MBE), for the Boggy Creek-Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard TOD Stormwater Conveyance Improvements Phase 2 project in the amount of \$8,361,300 plus a \$836,130 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed, \$9,197,430.

[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 98.54% MBE and 1.46% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office.

Managing Department

Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of six 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, Laurie B. Thering, 512-974-7035.

Additional Backup Information:

As part of the Transit Oriented Development Ordinance No. 20050519-008, the Watershed Protection Department identified needed stormwater infrastructure improvements on East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (MLK) near the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) Red Line crossing to upgrade the infrastructure to meet City design criteria.

The work consists of storm drain, channel, roadway, and utility improvements associated with the installation of a new storm drain system spanning from Walnut Avenue to Alexander Avenue along MLK, East 22nd Street to MLK along Alexander Avenue, and related side streets. Construction includes approximately 3,600 linear

feet of 18-inch to 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe, 1,200 linear feet of 5-feet by 4-feet to 10-feet by 6-feet reinforced concrete box culverts, nine underground manufactured water quality units, 3,100 linear feet of 6-inch to 12-inch ductile iron pipe water main, and 2,200 linear feet of 6-inch to 12-inch PVC wastewater main, water and wastewater services, and all necessary appurtenances and related construction activities.

This item includes two allowances. The allowance of \$70,000 will be used for the re-installation of the railroad crossing gates that were relocated as part of the Boggy Creek-MLK TOD Stormwater Conveyance Improvements Phase 1 project. The allowance of \$51,000 will be used to cover the costs for holding power poles when the contractor is working within five feet of Austin Energy's powerlines. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract for a certain item of work, the details of which are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unforeseen 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.

During construction, travel on MLK between Alexander Avenue and Boggy Creek will be reduced to one lane in each direction. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. In addition, there will be planned temporary water service interruptions, primarily during pipeline tie-in and service reconnection. Residents will be notified at least 48 hours in advance of planned service interruptions.

If this contract is delayed, flooding will continue to occur during significant rainfall events across private properties and will overwhelm the right-of-way at MLK and Alexander Avenue.

The contract allows 570 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78702 (District 1).

Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. (MBE/MH) is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.