



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3072, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

10/21/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with LJA Engineering, Inc., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP318, to provide engineering services for the 2020 Bond Substandard Streets Ross Road North project in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals 19.00% MBE and 17.00% 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 Austin Transportation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of 11 firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261; or the Project Manager, Paulinda Lanham, 512-974-7974.

Additional Backup Information:

Substandard streets are publicly owned roadways within the City's jurisdiction that do not meet current City requirements because they have pavement widths that are less than 24 feet and typically lack curb and gutter, drainage, bicycle accommodations, or sidewalk infrastructure.

The City evaluated Ross Road, a substandard street, as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond. The evaluation was captured in a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and its primary goal was to develop recommendations to improve mobility and safety along the project area. The project area in the PER includes Ross Road between

State Highway (SH) 71 and Pearce Lane (referred in the report as “Ross Road North”) and between Pearce Lane and Heine Farm Road (referred to as “Ross Road South”). This project scope is for the design of Ross Road North only. Ross Road South is being designed under the jurisdiction of Travis County.

This project is being funded with the 2020 Mobility Bond. A \$53 million allocation was authorized for Substandard Streets, funding at a minimum of \$35 million toward the full construction of Ross Road, per the PER.

The consultant will provide engineering services to complete a plans, specifications, and estimates package for Ross Road North between SH71 and Pearce Lane. Services shall include but are not limited to the following: street and/or intersection improvements, street reconstruction, storm drainage, water quality controls, water, wastewater, landscape, utility coordination, sidewalk, driveway improvements, illumination, traffic signals, traffic control, environmental controls and permitting.

Field investigations may require lane closures that will affect traffic. Coordination of this work with the public will be led by the Austin Transportation Public Information Office.

If Council does not approve this item, it will delay the implementation and completion of this 2020 Mobility Bond project as described in the Proposition B contract with the voters.

This authorization provides for funding of the above listed services. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder that Council awards. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the awarded responder, negotiations will cease with that responder. Staff would then return to Council to award and authorize contract negotiations with another qualified responder.

TOP RANKED FIRM: LJA Engineering, Inc., is located in Austin, Texas

SECOND RANKED FIRM: HDR Engineering, Inc., is located in Austin, Texas

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Mobility.