



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3786, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

1/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with PGC General Contractors, LLC for the Medical Arts Square Water and Wastewater System Renewal project, in the amount of \$2,978,573.00 plus a \$297,857.30 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,276,430.30.

[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 19.03% MBE and 1.11% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of three bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

For More Information:

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, Larry Mendez, 512-974-7124.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 12, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Atallah and Williams absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The Medical Arts Square Water and Wastewater System 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 includes wastewater lines in poor condition, and in need of replacement within the project area. This project also includes improvements to the wastewater collection system, which includes rerouting existing lines, including some under existing buildings, to improve access and maintenance of the collection system.

This project consists of the replacement of 1,822 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch water pipe and appurtenances, and 3,325 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch wastewater pipe and manholes in the Medical Arts Square on the north side of the University of Texas campus. In addition, the area proposed for replacement of existing water and wastewater lines includes Beanna Street, East 30th Street, Hampton Road, and a segment

of 26th Street (East Dean Keaton) between Hampton Road and Medical Arts Street.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface 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.

The project proposes lane closures and/or detours during off-peak traffic hours. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. The contractor will work to ensure that residents and businesses have access to their driveways. 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. In addition, there will be planned temporary water and wastewater service interruptions, primarily during pipeline tie-in and service reconnection. Residents will be notified at least 48 hours in advance of planned service interruptions.

This construction contract is time sensitive and critical to the improvement of the infrastructure stability of Austin's water distribution and wastewater collection systems. Delay or deferral of this contract will require additional time and cost for City operations crews to conduct maintenance and repairs.

The contract allows 330 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78705 (District 9).

PGC General Contractors, LLC is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.