



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1520, Agenda Item #: 13.

4/7/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms (or other qualified respondents) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP327: Terracon Consultants, Inc.; Baer Engineering & Environmental Consulting, Inc. (WBE); TRC Environmental Corporation; Professional Service Industries, Inc.; and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.; for consulting services for the 2022 Asbestos, Lead, and Mold Consultant Services Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.

[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 with 3.23% MBE and 2.45% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Contracting.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the various departments requiring services.

Purchasing Language:

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

For More Information:

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, Omar Almousli, 512-974-7137.

Additional Backup Information:

As a standard business practice, the City routinely engages the services of professional engineering firms to perform analysis, design and support services associated with construction or improvement of city capital assets. Rotation list contracting allows the City to always have a group of qualified consultants available to perform a specific type of recurring work in a timely manner to meet the project and operational needs of the City.

Prior to issuing, this solicitation was reviewed by the City's Rotation List Advisory Committee, which is made up of staff from the Financial Services Department - Capital Contracting, the Small and Minority Business Resource Department, the Public Works Department, and other user departments. The total authorization amount, the number of firms to be recommended for selection, and the authorization amount per firm were

discussed and reviewed by the Committee. The Financial Services Department expects that user departments will require these services to meet current and future consulting service needs.

To comply with the City's Asbestos Control Policy and the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules, applicable Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) rules, and the Environmental Protection Agency National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs), the City requires the timely services of licensed firms and/or persons that engage in asbestos related activities including, but not limited to, inspection; damage assessment; design of abatement plans and specifications; on-site air monitoring and analysis; on-site project management of asbestos abatement; O&M; and the ability to respond to emergency notifications.

In addition to its efforts to comply with Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules, and other applicable standards and regulations, the City is establishing the means to control and minimize staff and public exposure to mold by regulating the assessment and remediation of mold activities in city-owned or leased public buildings, industrial facilities, target housing, child-occupied facilities, and other associated facilities. To comply with these existing regulations on a timely basis, the City and Austin Energy require the services of qualified and licensed firms and individuals that engage in mold related activities including, but not limited to, inspection; damage assessment; risk assessment; design of abatement plans and specifications; on-site air monitoring; on-site project management of mold remediation; and the ability to respond to emergency notifications.

This rotation list supports the asbestos, lead, and mold management program for the city departments requiring this service. The program safeguards the health and safety of all occupants of city buildings, including city staff and the public, by controlling their potential exposure to asbestos, lead, and mold containing materials. The work that will be performed under this contract is in compliance with the current and future versions of the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules, TX Civil Statutes, Article 4477-3a, as amended, the Texas Environmental Lead Reduction Rules, TX Civil Statutes Article 9029, as amended and the Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules, 25 TAC 295.301 - 338 as well as all OSHA and Environmental Protection Agency regulations that minimize workers' exposure to asbestos and lead-based paint hazards.

Consultants on this Rotation List Contract will be providing a variety of services that may include:

- Asbestos and lead-paint inspections of city building
- Designing of asbestos and lead abatement workplans and oversight of abatement projects
- Collecting air samples and analyze them for asbestos and lead
- Conducting mold and air quality assessments and oversight of mold removal by contractors
- Overseeing asbestos abatement and lead remediation at old and historic city structures that may require public participation or input
- Responding to emergency requests to conduct limited inspections and abatements. Emergency requests are usually time sensitive and if delayed, may lead to potential exposure of building occupants or the public that requests these buildings to asbestos hazard

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the five recommended firms until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. Per firm authorizations may be increased or decreased, through the life of the contract, based on the needs of a particular assignment and will follow the established rotation list policies and procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

Terracon Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

Baer Engineering & Environmental Consulting, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

TRC Environmental Corporation is located in Austin, TX.

Professional Service Industries, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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