



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Cotera+Reed Architects, Inc., for Architectural and Engineering professional services for the Town Lake Metropolitan Park - Nash Hernandez Building Renovation in amount not to exceed \$550,000.

[Note: This contract was procured through a Certificate of Exemption process. No goals were established for this contract due to this process.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **Managing Department**

Parks and Recreation Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

This contract did not go through the City's qualification-based selection process.

### **For More Information:**

Inquiries shall be directed to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261, or the Project Manager, Alyssa Tharrett, 512-974-9508.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Section 2254.004 of the Texas Government Code requires that the City select the most highly qualified provider of architectural or engineering services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications. The determination that Cotera+Reed Architects, Inc. is the most highly qualified provider for the professional services for the Town Lake Metropolitan Park- Nash Hernandez Building Renovation is based on the work Cotera+Reed Architects, Inc. has performed on previous efforts to renovate the building.

The Nash Hernandez building located at 1621 Nash Hernandez Senior Road is a 10,000 square foot building built in 1966 for the Austin Fire Prevention Department now known as the Austin Fire Department (AFD), Arson Division and museum. The building has been vacant since 2009 when the AFD moved locations. In 2012 the Nash Hernandez building was transferred from the AFD to the Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) for the purpose of establishing administrative offices for the PAR. In 2012, a building assessment was conducted followed by extensive asbestos and lead abatement in 2013 that left the building unoccupiable and in a state of disrepair. Between 2012 and 2019 several assessments, building remediations, and design scopes were initiated and partially developed, but ultimately never completed due to various factors. Previously designed versions of the Nash Hernandez building included use as a PAR administrative office with no community spaces. Later the Austin Police Department (APD) and the PAR collaborated to utilize the

building as a joint use facility until the APD pulled out of the project. The PARD intends to plan the space to accommodate administrative offices and community services.

Existing surveys, site assessments, measurements, community engagement, and detailed architectural and engineering drawings based on earlier programs have previously been performed by Cotera+Reed Architects, Inc. for the Nash Hernandez building between 2012 and 2019. By contracting with Cotera+Reed Architects, Inc., the City will avoid duplicated costs that would otherwise be required to gather existing site and building information.

Current programming will align with the 2014 Council approved Holly Shores/ Edward Rendon Sr. at Festival Beach Master Plan to incorporate community-serving uses in addition to the PARD administrative offices.

The contract allows 605 calendar days for completion of this project. SMBR will coordinate with the prime consultant to assist them with potential subcontracting opportunities should they arise once the contract is executed.

This project is located within zip code 78702 (District 3).

Cotera+Reed Architects, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government That Works for All, Health and Environment.