



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2390, Agenda Item #: 32.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. (MBE) for the Truman Heights Water and Wastewater Pipeline Rehabilitation project, in the amount of \$3,597,261 plus a \$359,727 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,956,988.

[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 98.89% MBE and 1.11% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of three bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids 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, Scott Cameron, 512-974-2966.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on July 20, 2022.

Additional Backup Information:

The Truman Heights Water and Wastewater Pipeline Rehabilitation 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 coordinates and includes wastewater lines in poor condition and in need of replacement within the project area.

This project consists of the repair and replacement of existing water and wastewater mains located within the Truman Heights Neighborhood. Construction is to occur on the following streets: Samuel Huston Avenue, Bunche Road, Downs Drive, Hillcrest Lane, Woodmoor Drive, Woodmoor Circle, Stonegate Drive, Stonegate Circle, and Elmsgrove Drive. The work consists of the construction of approximately 5,058 linear feet of 8-inch waterline and 1,963 linear feet of 8-inch wastewater line including manholes, valves, and service lines to individual properties. Construction will include pavement repair for all trenches and revegetation of all disturbed areas.

Due to the potential for encountering unknown underground utilities during construction, 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 is 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 365 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78721 (District 1).

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.