



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2480, Agenda Item #: 183.**

7/28/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with WSP USA Inc., (staff recommendation), or one of the other qualified respondents to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP334 to provide Program Management and Staff Augmentation Services for the Airport Program Management Support Consultant Services contract in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000.

[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 17.50% MBE and 10.00% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **Managing Department**

Department of Aviation.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Department of Aviation.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of six 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 CIP Program Manager, Aiden Cohen, 512-530-6625.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

July 12, 2022 - Recommended by the Airport Advisory Commission on an 8-0-0-3 vote. Commissioners Hendricks, Saulmon, and V. Sepulveda were absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) is experiencing extraordinary growth in passenger and cargo volumes. A multi-billion-dollar Airport Expansion Development program ("AEDP") is required to construct the infrastructure necessary to meet current and future demand from airlines and the flying public. Due to the complex, secure, and highly regulated environment, experienced airport construction experts are needed to support the efficient delivery of AUS's construction program.

The Program Management and Support Consultant (PMSC) team will assist AUS and City staff by providing augmented staff and expert consulting services. The PMSC will provide experienced airport program, project, and construction management services during the design and construction of airport facilities. Construction will impact all areas of the AUS campus, including airside, landside, terminal, and utility areas, and related

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infrastructure projects. The Consultant will also provide AUS with a comprehensive MBE/WBE/DBE and ACDBE (Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Outreach Plan to assist in increasing participation by certified firms. The Consultant will be integrated into a City-led, multi-department airport improvement program team that will be a blend of City and Consultant staff. The PMSC firm will be responsible for recommending, planning, and coordinating the administrative resources to provide timely support to AUS staff to efficiently deliver the Program. Key members of the Consultant's team are expected to be co-located at AUS with City staff. The Consultant is an airport expert with deep program and construction management experience and able to provide AUS with various program management support services, as requested, over the duration of the AEDP. The AEDP will include projects with wide ranges in scope and complexity. The scale, concurrent projects, and operational complexity will require the PMSC to provide airport-specific expertise and specialty technical services for the Program to be successful.

There is no anticipated impact to the community as this is a consulting contract and all work will be performed on City property. This contract will support public and vendor outreach in the community as AUS looks to build a diverse workforce of small, local, and minority/women owned certified businesses to deliver the Program.

If this contract is not approved, AUS will not have the resources, personnel, and expertise needed to manage a construction program of the size, scope, and complexity. If the contracted services are delayed, construction activities at AUS will likely be negatively impacted in terms of longer schedules, higher costs, and/or poorer quality. The AEDP would be delayed and cause more disruption and potential loss of flights, destinations, and community frustration due to longer lines and missed flights.

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

TOP RANKED FIRM: WSP USA Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

SECOND RANKED FIRM: AECOM Technical Services, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government That Works for All, Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Mobility.