



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2926, Agenda Item #: 21.

9/15/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Halff Associates, Inc., for engineering services for Fallwell Lane Capital Renewal project in the amount of \$5,000,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.

[Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 29.68% DBE].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Original contract was awarded through a qualifications-based selection process.

Prior Council Action:

August 3, 2017 - Council approved a professional services agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. for the Fallwell Lane Capital Renewal Project for a total contract amount of \$3,000,000.

For More Information:

Inquiries shall be directed to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261, or the Project Manager, Craig McColloch, 512-749-3412.

Additional Backup Information:

On October 31, 2013, and again on October 30, 2015, flood waters severely damaged Fallwell Lane and threatened Austin Energy's substation, Sand Hill Electrical Center's raw water intake structure, and Austin Water's South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in the area east of SH130. Onion Creek flood waters inundated low areas as they flowed into the Colorado River. Bank erosion was severe, and extensive restoration and stabilization are required. Temporary measures have been put in place to allow local traffic to utilize Fallwell Lane. A permanent solution to reconstruct or realign key access roads, retrofit water intake structures, and stabilize berms and channels to guard against flood overflows from Onion Creek is needed to protect critical City infrastructure from future flood events.

Based on the preliminary engineering report, a decision was made to separate the project into two phases. Phase A is at the 90% design phase to realign Fallwell Lane, relocate and extend water lines, and protect the Colorado River bank from Onion Creek overflows, which damaged the adjacent Fallwell Lane. Phase B will provide berms, levees, and floodwalls to protect critical City infrastructure against Onion Creek overflows.

The reason for the amendment is that Phase B of the project is not yet funded. Still, there are available grant programs that could provide up to 90% of the design cost for Phase B. Proceeding with the Phase B design will provide a “shovel ready” project that will benefit from additional grant programs.

This amendment was approved by the City’s Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Financial Services Department - Capital Contracting. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

Halff Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment, Mobility.