



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3202, **Agenda Item #:** 5.

11/3/2022

Posting Language:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Toole Design Group, LLC, (staff recommendation) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP341, to provide engineering services for the Austin Transportation Department Street Design Staff Augmentation contract in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No goals were established for this solicitation].

Lead Department:

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department:

Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$15,000,000 is available in the Capital or Operating Budget of Austin Transportation Department.

Funding in the amount of \$7,000,000 is available in the Capital or Operating Budget of Public Works Department.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of two 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, Nathan Wilkes, 512-974-7016.

Additional Backup Information:

This item is part of the delivery of the 2016, 2018, and 2020 Mobility Bonds. Austin Transportation Department (ATD) is committed to providing the safest, most efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable transportation network for our community. ATD strives for a complete transportation network that serves the needs of street, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit users. ATD supports the fulfillment of this mission through performing the core function of comprehensive multimodal street design services under the Street Design Team. This core function enables ATD to consistently achieve policy driven Complete Streets outcomes for all modes and all ages and abilities to the extent possible. The Active Transportation and Street Design Division currently supports project development, implementation, and coordination for diverse ATD and Public Works Department (PWD) Bond programs, including but not limited to, the Pedestrian Crossing Program (improving crossing safety), Bikeways Program, Sidewalk Program (street design changes to facilitate constrained sidewalk connections), Safe

Routes to School Program (safe street crossings and protected bicycle lanes), and Transit Enhancement Program, in addition to providing Street Design support to other programs, including the Active Transportation Program, Neighborhood Partnering, and other City programs and partner agencies.

This Street Design Staff Augmentation agreement will serve the delivery of multiple Mobility Bond programs including Bikeways, Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings, Safe Routes to Schools, Transit Speed and Reliability, as well as Street Design needs for other capital and operating programs. Currently half of the capacity of ATD's Street Design Team is provided through an existing Street Design Staff Augmentation agreement, CLMP229, procured in 2017 to support the 2016 Mobility Bond. The remaining funds on this agreement will be depleted within the fiscal year. This new staff augmentation agreement will allow for the necessary expansion of capacity for this critical ATD function in-line with increasing demands of the more recent 2018 and 2020 Mobility Bonds, ensuring that delivery expectations and schedules are met.

This agreement will provide staff that replace and expand the staff provided through the existing Street Design Staff Augmentation agreement, CLMP229, to complement ATD's staff capacity to perform multimodal complete street design, engineering, review and coordination. ATD's blended Street Design Team will continue to support design and project delivery for these programs and any projects that require changes to on-street traffic operations to accomplish program and project goals (including improved bikeways, connected sidewalks, safe routes to schools, and improved transit speed and reliability). These services will be provided on a daily basis by consultant personnel in combination with City staff.

The anticipated staff augmentation services include:

- Multimodal/complete street design, engineering, implementation, and public process support,
- Transit speed and reliability planning, street design, engineering, implementation, and public process support,
- Development Review,
- Project coordination,
- Data Collection, and
- Engineering, Planning, and Communications Support.

A delay in approval of this item would result in a significant disruption and delay to the implementation of the 2016, 2018, and 2020 Mobility Bond Bikeways, Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings, Safe Routes to Schools, Transit Speed and Reliability Programs.

This authorization provides for funding of the above listed engineering services. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder 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 responder and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

TOP RANKED FIRM: Toole Design Group, LLC is located in Silver Spring, MD.

SECOND RANKED FIRM: N/A

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Health and Environment, Mobility.