



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3765, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

1/26/2023

Posting Language:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement to provide engineering services for the Center Street Pump Station Replacement and Electrical Improvements project, with CDM Smith, Inc. (staff recommendation), in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.

[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 16.40% MBE and 16.0% 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:

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of six firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

For More Information:

Direct inquiries to Shawn Willett, 512-974-2021, Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261, or the Project Manager, Matt Hendrix, 512-974-7073.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 18, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The Center Street Reservoir and Pump Station Facility is part of Austin Water's water distribution system consisting of water storage facilities, pump stations, and water pipes. The Center Street Pump Station moves water from the Central Zone of the distribution system to the south portion of the Central Zone. The Center Street Reservoir and Pump Station Facility shares site access with an Emergency Medical Services station, a City of Austin fuel station, and Austin Water's Electrical and Instrumentation and Control Maintenance shop.

The existing pump station and electrical substation have exceeded their useful life and require replacement to meet current Austin Water standards. The recommended firm will develop new pump station options and make recommendations regarding specific improvements to the site. It is anticipated that the new facility complex will be located entirely within the existing fenced area. Once the construction of the new pump station and electrical substation is complete, the existing pump station and electrical substation will be decommissioned and demolished.

There will no impact to the public. All of the work will be performed within the Center Street pump station area, which is City-owned property and is not open to the public.

Delay or deferral of this contract will place an undue burden on City operations crews, have a negative effect on infrastructure stability, and increase additional maintenance work.

This authorization provides for funding of the above listed 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.

This project is located within zip code 78704 (District 3).

TOP RANKED FIRM: CDM Smith Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Health and Environment.