



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1154, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

2/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement for transportation engineering services for the 2023 Transportation Engineering Services Rotation List with the following 14 staff recommended firms (or other qualified respondents): HDR Engineering, Inc.; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.; Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; BGE, Inc./Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.; AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; Huitt-Zollars, Inc.; Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc.; Freese and Nichols, Inc./Freese and Nichols; RPS Infrastructure, Inc.; Binkley & Barfield, Inc.; Halff Associates, Inc./Halff; Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, Inc./Pape-Dawson Engineers; DKS Associates; and Volkert, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.

[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 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the Austin Transportation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is based on the 14 most qualified firms out of 23 firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Shawn Willett, 512-974-2021, Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261, or the Project Manager, Meredith Quick, 512-974-2950.

Additional Backup Information:

As a standard business practice, the City routinely engages the services of professional engineering firms to perform analysis, design, and support services associated with construction or improvement of City capital assets. Rotation List contracting allows the City to always have a group of qualified consultants available to perform a specific type of recurring work in a timely manner to meet the project and operational needs of the City.

Prior to issuing, this solicitation was reviewed by the City's Rotation List Advisory Committee, which is made up of staff from the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement, Capital Contracting, Small and Minority Business Resource Department, Public Works Department, and other user departments. The total

authorization amount, the number of firms to be recommended for selection, and the authorization amount per firm were discussed and reviewed by the Committee. Capital Contracting expects that user departments will require these services to meet current and future transportation engineering needs.

The City's commitment to meeting project delivery goals associated with the 2016, 2018, and 2020 bond programs necessitates an additional professional services design contract with increased contract capacity. Only one year into the existing four-year rotation list contract, more than half of the contract amount has been encumbered, with three more assignments under negotiation.

The City is selecting 14 firms to provide transportation engineering services for the Austin Transportation Department. The consultants shall provide the transportation engineering services and analysis for projects of a general or routine scope that are small to medium in scale (up to \$2M in design fees). Services anticipated to include, but are not limited to the following:

Urban roadway design, roundabout design, street lighting design and analysis, engineering studies, traffic data collection and analysis, intersection improvements, bicycle and pedestrian data, traffic modeling, traffic signal and intelligent transportation systems design, survey services, geotechnical design, structural design, and other services required for the preparation of schematic layouts, preliminary engineering reports, plans specifications and estimates, and multi-modal safety and mobility infrastructure improvements.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the 14 Rotation List firms recommended until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. Per firm authorizations may be increased or decreased throughout the life of the contract, based on the needs of a particular assignment, and will follow the established rotation list policies and procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

HDR Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas
Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. is located in Round Rock, Texas
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas
BGE, Inc./Brown & Gay Engineers Inc. is located in Austin, Texas
AECOM Technical Services, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas
Huitt-Zollars, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas
Cobb Fendley & Assoc, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas
Freese And Nichols, Inc./Freese and Nichols is located in Austin, Texas
RPS Infrastructure, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas
Binkley & Barfield, Inc. is located in Round Rock, Texas
Halff Associates, Inc./Halff is located in Austin, Texas
Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, Inc./Pape-Dawson Engineers is located in Austin, Texas
DKS Associates is located in West Lake Hills, Texas
Volkert, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Mobility.