



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1158, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

2/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a construction contract for Oltorf Street Reclaimed Water Main Phase 1 project, with Cash Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,475,547 plus a \$647,555 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,123,102.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievement of Good Faith Efforts with 2.79% MBE and 5.37% 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:

Lowest responsive bid of five bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation.

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, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Javi Gonzalez, 512-974-5635.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 8, 2023 - No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a motion failing due to a lack of affirmative votes with one recusal, three absences, and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The Oltorf Street Reclaimed Water Main Phase 1 project was identified in Austin Water's 2013 *Completing the Core* plan as a near-term construction project necessary to complete a core loop through downtown and east Austin. Completing the core loop interconnects Austin Water's reclaimed water system north and south of the Colorado River, adds customers, increases reliability, and builds economies of scale. This is one of five projects required to loop Austin Water's reclaimed water distribution system north of the river to the system south of the river.

The Oltorf Street Reclaimed Water Main Phase 1 project includes approximately 7,026 linear feet of 6-inch, 24-inch, and 30-inch reclaimed water main in Oltorf Street from Alvin Devane Boulevard to Burton Drive. Approximately 1,521 feet of 6-inch, 8-inch, and 16-inch drinking water main is also included in Phase 1 to improve drinking water system pressure in the project area.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

This project proposes lane closures and detours during construction of the reclaimed water and drinking water mains. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic and will work to ensure that residents and businesses always have access to their driveways. In addition, there will be planned temporary water service interruptions during pipeline tie-in and service reconnection. Customers will be notified at least 48 hours in advance of planned service interruptions.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is a critical component of improving the infrastructure stability of the reclaimed water and water distribution systems. Delay or deferral of this contract will require additional time and cost for City construction crews to conduct maintenance and repairs and could also impact the reliability of service. As more customers connect to the system and increase reclaimed water usage for non-drinking purposes such as irrigation, cooling, toilet flushing, and manufacturing, the consequences of an outage become more significant.

The contract allows 425 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78741 (District 3).

Cash Construction Company, Inc. is located in Pflugerville, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.