



Recommendation for Action

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7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of five contracts for engineering services for the 2023 Local Mobility Sidewalk, Bikeway, and Urban Trails Field Engineering Rotation List with MWM DesignGroup Inc., RPS Infrastructure Inc., HDR Engineering Inc., Civiltude LLC, and Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$24,000,000, divided among the firms.

[Note: These contracts 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 8.44% MBE and 3.55% WBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the various City departments requiring services.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQS) 6100 CLMP349 for these services. The solicitation was issued on March 21, 2023, and closed on April 18, 2023. Of the 10 offers received, the recommended firms submitted the best evaluated responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138528)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138528>.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov
<<mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov>> or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

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 Financial Services, the Small and Minority Business Resource Department, Transportation and 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 field engineering needs.

As part of the City's ongoing effort to comply with the directives of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, the Transportation and Public Works Department has developed more efficient and cost-effective methods for sidewalk and curb ramp construction. The City also recognizes that improved and expanded pedestrian facilities are a frequently requested infrastructure improvement from the public at large. Field Engineers from this rotation list will be assigned to work with contractors from a separate and independent indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity construction contract to define the final scope of work, alignment and resolve conflicts in the field. The consultant will interface daily with members of the construction team from City of Austin Construction Inspection, Right-of-Way Management, Sidewalk and Special Projects, Planning and Development Review, Transportation and Public Works Department, and the contractor. This contract delivery method also allows for the flexibility of adding projects based on priorities designated by the City.

In November 2020, Austin voters approved \$460 million for transportation infrastructure including sidewalks, transportation-related bikeways, urban trails, transportation safety projects (Vision Zero), safe routes to school and substandard streets (see website at <https://www.austintexas.gov/2020PropB>).

This request allows for the development of contracts with each of the five recommended firms 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, through 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.