

Posting Language

Recommend approval to execute a contract for the SAR Elevated Tank Rehab and Improvements - Package one project, with Prota Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,349,982. (District 2)

MBE/WBE

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 69.99% MBE and 1.50% WBE participation.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Client Department

Austin Water Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Charles Celauro

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitations for Bids (IFB) 6100 CLMC987 for these services. The solicitation was issued on May 29, 2023, and closed on June 29, 2023. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offer. 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](#).

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

September 13, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission

Additional Backup Information

The South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAR WWTP) is currently permitted to treat 75 million gallons a day (MGD) of wastewater. The first treatment train, Train A, was constructed between 1984 and 1986. Treatment Train B and the tertiary filtration process were constructed between 1986 and 1988. In 2005 the treatment plant was expanded to 75 MGD capacity with the construction completion of treatment Train C. The plant receives wastewater flow from Austin Water's sanitary sewer collection system and treats it before returning it to the Colorado River. SAR WWTP is also a key facility in meeting Austin's reclaimed water needs for non-potable water use such as irrigation and cooling towers.

The SAR Elevated Storage Tank was built in 2003 to provide a reliable supply of non-potable water needed for the plant's treatment processes. The Elevated Storage Tank was inspected in 2017, and the need for improvements and repairs was identified.

In the summer of 2022 staff solicited bids for construction of these improvements, however only one bid was received and rejected. The solicitation was restructured into three separate packages to reach

more bidders and obtain more competitive pricing. The SAR Elevated Storage Tank Project – Package 1 includes the civil engineering aspects and electrical improvements.

Due to the potential for supply chain issues, fluctuating market conditions, and unforeseen issues that may arise during construction, 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.

All construction work related to the project will be completed within SAR WWTP property that 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.

The contract allows 200 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78617 (District 2).

M/WBE Summary

Public notice was given for this solicitation, CLMC987 for the SAR Elevated Tank Rehab and Improvements - Package 1 project, through the City’s Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Two bids were received and opened on June 29, 2023. Of the two bids received one bid was from an MBE/WBE certified firm. Prota Inc. submitted the lower responsive bid:

Prota, Inc., Austin, TX (WBE/FH)	\$2,136,347.00
PGC General Contractors, LLC, Austin, TX	\$2,492,670.00

The contractor’s choice of work methodology provides for nine areas of contracting opportunities which are listed below. Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 0.59% African American; 4.72% Hispanic; 0.40% Native/Asian American; 0.73% WBE. Total participation estimated on base bid amount:

	Base Bid:	\$ 2,136,347.00	100.00%
PRIME	M/WBE TOTAL	\$ 1,323,834.00	61.97%
	(FH) Prota, Inc., Austin, TX		
MBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS		\$ 171,433.00	8.02%
	<i>African American Subtotal</i>	\$ 162,833.00	7.62%
	(MB) CVI Development, LLC, Austin TX (Site Work)	\$ 162,833.00	7.62%
	<i>Native/Asian American Subtotal</i>	\$ 8,600.00	0.40%
	(MA) Benqwest, LLC, Austin, TX (Fuel)	\$ 8,600.00	0.40%
WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS		\$ 32,000.00	1.50%
	(FW) Terra Ecoservices, LLC, Austin, TX (Environmental)	\$ 2,000.00	0.09%
	(FW) KLP Commercial, LLC, Manor, TX (Elect Equipment, Condu	\$ 16,000.00	0.75%
	(FA) Marie's Trucking, Austin, TX (Hauling Services)	\$ 14,000.00	0.66%
NON MBE/WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS		\$ 609,080.00	28.51%
	T Morales Company Electrical & Controls, Georgetown, TX (Electrical, Instrumentation and Controls)	\$ 496,600.00	23.25%
	A K Fuquay Construction, New Braunfelds, TX (Erosion Controls)	\$ 10,800.00	0.51%
	Xylem Dewatering, China Grove, TX (Dewatering)	\$ 30,000.00	1.40%
	Alpha Painting Co, Inc., Round Rock, TX (Painting)	\$ 71,680.00	3.36%

The Contractor submitted an MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department. Second low bidder information is provided.

SECOND BIDDER – Peabody General Contractors, Austin, TX \$2,492,670.00
 46.99% NON M/WBE prime participation; 1.68% African American; 4.85% Hispanic; 3.17% Native/Asian American; 0.92% WBE; 42.39% Non M/WBE subcontractor participation.

CLMC987 SAR Elevated Tank Rehab and Improve Project Map CIP ID 3333.113

