



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2753, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

9/21/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Elevated Tank Rehab and Improvements - Package One project, with Prota Inc., in the amount of \$2,136,347 plus a \$213,635 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,349,982.

[Note: 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.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Service.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the 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 contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of bids 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=138758)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138758>.

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.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 13, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water and 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 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 One 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).