



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3033, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

10/19/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for construction services for the Oltorf Street Reclaimed Water Main Phase 2 project with Cash Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$10,401,106 plus a \$1,040,111 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$11,441,217.

[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 achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 2.42% MBE and 0.08% WBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 6100 CLMC986 for these services. The solicitation was issued on June 12, 2023, and closed on July 20, 2023. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the 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=138512)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138512>.

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:

October 11, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The Oltorf Street Reclaimed Water Main Phase 2 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 2 project includes approximately 6,870 linear feet of 24-inch reclaimed water main in Oltorf Street westward from Burton Drive to Parker Lane, north on Parker Lane to Mariposa Drive, west on Mariposa Drive across IH-35 to Travis Heights Boulevard, and north on Travis Heights Boulevard to Fairmount Avenue. The work also includes approximately 1,400 linear feet of 8- and 12-inch drinking water main to improve drinking water system pressures.

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 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 510 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78741 (District 3) and 78704 (District 9).