

Posting Language

Recommend approval to award and execute a contract for construction of the Little Walnut Creek Park Plaza Stream Stabilization project with Austin Filter Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$2,110,940 plus a \$211,094 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,322,034. (District 4)

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 29.14% MBE and 1.44% WBE participation.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Client Department

Austin Water Assistant Director of Engineering Service, Charles Celauro

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$69,661 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitations for Bids IFB 6100 CLMC1002 for these services. The solicitation was issued on July 24, 2023, and closed on August 31, 2023. Of the five 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](#).

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

November 8, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission

Additional Backup Information

The Little Walnut Creek Park Plaza Stream Stabilization is a project along Little Walnut Creek that aims to reduce the risk of damage to five multifamily homes from slope erosion.

The project consists of storm drain, channel, and utility improvements including the installation of limestone block wall, relocation of existing storm drain outfalls, and vegetated soil-rock riprap to stabilize approximately 800 feet of streambank along Little Walnut Creek beginning near exit 241 of northbound I-35.

Erosion has exposed sections of Austin Water's existing wastewater infrastructure within Little Walnut Creek. As part of the bank stabilization project, approximately 305 feet of exposed wastewater lines will be backfilled and protected using flowable backfill.

This contract includes one allowance. The allowance of \$33,026 will be used for a dry-stacked retaining wall. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

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.

The project proposes lane closures and/or detours along Park Plaza Drive during off-peak traffic hours. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. The contractor will work to ensure that residents and businesses have access to their driveways at all times. If access cannot be maintained, written notice of limited access will be provided to the affected property owner(s) at least 24 hours in advance.

This project is funded by 2018 General Obligation Bond funds.

This construction contract is time sensitive because delay or deferral of this contract could result in additional time and cost to the City construction crews to maintain and repair the erosion along the creek channel which could impact adjacent properties.

The contract allows 259 calendar days for the completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78753 (District 4).

MBE/WBE Summary

Public notice was given for this solicitation CLMC1002, Little Walnut Creek Park Plaza Stream Stabilization, through the City’s Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Five bids were received and opened on August 31, 2023. Of the five bids received one bid was from an MBE/WBE certified firm. Austin Filter Systems, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid including an allowance of \$33,026.

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Base Bid + Allowance</u>
Austin Filter Systems, Inc., Leander, TX	\$ 2,077,913.25	\$ 2,110,939.25
Santa Clara Construction, LTD, Austin, TX (MH)	\$ 2,234,317.00	\$ 2,267,343.00
Cedar Hills Construction LLC, Cedar Park, TX	\$ 2,512,777.00	\$ 2,545,803.00
MAC, Inc., Austin, TX	\$ 2,589,455.00	\$ 2,622,481.00
Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc., Austin, TX	\$ 2,757,627.00	\$ 2,790,653.00

The contractor’s choice of work methodology provides for seven areas of contracting opportunities which are listed below. Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 1.67% African American; 4.50% Hispanic; 0.24% Native/Asian American; and 1.22% WBE. Total participation is estimated on the base bid amount:

PRIME	NON M/WBE TOTAL	\$ 1,302,644.65	62.69%
	Austin Filter Systems, Inc., Leander, TX		
MBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS		\$ 605,503.27	29.14%
	<i>African American Subtotal</i>	\$ 200,102.83	9.63%
	(MB) Averys Lawncare and Landscaping, LLC, Round Rock, TX (Landscaping)	\$ 200,102.83	9.63%
	<i>Hispanic Subtotal</i>	\$ 399,997.87	19.25%
	(MH) Austin Underground, Lago Vista, TX (Sewer & Storm Drain)	\$ 399,997.87	19.25%
	<i>Native/Asian American Subtotal</i>	\$ 5,402.57	0.26%
	(FA) Rama Tiru, Austin, TX (Construction Photography)	\$ 5,402.57	0.26%
WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS		\$ 29,921.92	1.44%
	(FW) Aggregate Logistics, LLC, Austin, TX (Crushed Stone)	\$ 29,921.92	1.44%
NON MBE/WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS		\$ 139,843.41	6.73%
	Eagle Eye Construction Layout, Leander, TX (Survey)	\$ 13,922.00	0.67%
	Roadway Traffic Control, Pflugerville, TX (Barricades, Traffic, Portab	\$ 3,948.03	0.19%
	Custom Crete, Austin, TX (Boring, Drilling, Testing, and Soundings)	\$ 79,999.57	3.85%
	Vibratex, Inc., Austin, TX (Boring, Drilling, Testing, and Soundings)	\$ 25,558.31	1.23%
	Texas Trucking Co., Jarrell, TX (Crushed Stone)	\$ 16,415.50	0.79%

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 and third low bidder information is provided.

SECOND BIDDER - Santa Clara Construction, LTD, Austin, TX (MH)

\$ 2,234,317.00

93.68% M/WBE prime participation; 1.71% African American; 0.26% Native/Asian American; 1.26% WBE; 3.09% NON M/WBE subcontractor participation.

THIRD BIDDER - Cedar Hills Construction LLC, Cedar Park, TX

\$ 2,512,777.00

58.00% NON M/WBE prime participation; 1.69% African American; 4.52% Hispanic; 0.28% Native/Asian American; 3.85% WBE; 31.66% NON M/WBE subcontractor participation.

