



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 24-3743, Agenda Item #: 8.**

2/15/2024

### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a contract for construction services for the Walnut Creek-Oak Knoll Flood Risk Reduction project with Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. in the amount of \$8,232,469 plus a \$823,246 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,055,716.

[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 64.64% MBE and 1.02% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Capital Delivery Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

### **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.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued Invitation for Bids IFB 6100 CLMC1010 for construction services. The solicitation was issued on October 16, 2023, and closed on November 16, 2023. Of the six 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. This information is currently found at [https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=139360](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=139360).

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This project will upgrade drainage infrastructure in the Oak Knoll Drive area, which has experienced multiple recent flooding events. A cluster of homes between Woodcrest Drive and Research Boulevard have been particularly impacted by flooding due to undersized inlets and storm drains.

The project consists of new underground stormwater detention, storm drains, channels, a stormwater detention pond, and 3,286 feet of utility improvements associated with the installation of 2,260 feet of new storm drain. The project is bounded by Jollyville Road, Woodcrest Drive, Broad Oaks Drive, and Q Ranch Road.

This item includes one allowance of \$20,000 that will be used for an insertion valve or line stop to minimize

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water main shut outs. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work when details are not determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unforeseen circumstances or physical project 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 Columbia Oaks Court, Columbia Oaks Drive, and J Gregg Cove. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic and 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 construction contract is time sensitive and is a critical component of this local flood risk reduction project. Delay or deferral of this contract could result in additional time and cost to City construction crews to conduct maintenance and repairs.

The contract allows 600 calendar days for completion of the project. This project is located within zip code 78759 (District 10).