

Posting Language

Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the SAR Elevated Tank Rehab & Improvements - Package 2 with Blastco Texas, Inc., in the amount of \$2,292,000 plus a \$229,200 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,521,200. (District 2)

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Client Department Lead

Austin Water Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Charles Celauro

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids IFB 6100 CLMC1046 for these services. The solicitation was issued April 16, 2024, and closed July 11, 2024. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services, website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Document](#).

MBE/WBE

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 2.62% MBE and 17.23% WBE participation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 11, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAR) Elevated Storage Tank was built in 2003 to provide a reliable supply of water needed for the plant's treatment processes. SAR is a key facility in Austin's reclaimed water system and its Elevated Storage Tank supplies storage and pressure maintenance for non-potable water for irrigation and cooling towers. The Elevated Storage Tank was inspected in 2017 and the need for improvements and repairs were identified to operate and maintain the facility more safely and effectively.

The Elevated Storage Tank improvements include recoating the interior and exterior of the structure, implementing safety features that were not required when the tank was initially constructed, structural improvements, steel repairs, electrical and instrumentation improvements, replacement of the cathodic protection system, and a washout line.

Two prime contractors attended the pre-bid meeting. Procurement staff emailed the prime contractor that did not submit a bid but has not received a response. The project requires QP 1 certification (the minimum professional certification for an industrial painter) for Field Application of Coatings Complex Structures, which limited the bidder pool.



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Council: September 26, 2024**

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 to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

Delay or deferral of this contract will place an undue burden on City operations crews, will have a negative effect on infrastructure stability, and increase additional maintenance work.

All construction work related to the project will be completed within SAR property that is not open to the public.

The contract allows 185 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, CLMC1046 for the SAR Elevated Tank Rehab and Improvements – Package 2 project, through the City’s Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. One bid was received and opened on July 11, 2024. The one firm submitting is not a certified MBE/WBE. Blastco Texas, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid:

Blastco Texas, Inc., Channelview, TX

\$2,292,000.00

The contractor’s choice of work methodology provides for 4 areas of contracting opportunities which are listed below. Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 1.98% African American; 3.44% Hispanic; 0.92% Native/Asian American; 0.63% WBE. Total participation estimated on base bid amount:

		Base Bid:	\$ 2,292,000.00	
PRIME	NON M/WBE		\$ 1,778,315.00	77.59%
	Blastco Texas, Inc., Chanelview, TX			
MBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS			\$ 60,000.00	2.62%
	<i>Hispanic Subtotal</i>		\$ 30,000.00	1.31%
	(FH) J Arbor Contracting, Bastrop, TX (Erosion Services)		\$ 30,000.00	1.31%
	<i>Native/Asian American Subtotal</i>		\$ 30,000.00	1.31%
	(MA) BenQuest, LLC, Austin, TX (Diesel Fuel)		\$ 30,000.00	1.31%
WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS			\$ 395,000.00	17.23%
	(FW) Merrigan Electric, Leander, TX (Electrical)		\$ 395,000.00	17.23%
NON MBE/WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS			\$ 58,685.00	2.56%
	Corrpro, Conyers, GA (Cathodic Protection)		\$ 49,685.00	2.17%
	Keep It Real Photography, San Antonio, TX (Construction Photos)		\$ 9,000.00	0.39%

The Contractor submitted an MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that demonstrated a Good Faith Effort and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.



SAR Elevated Tank Rehab & Improvements – Package 2 CIP ID:
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