

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 202024 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for Engineering Services for Annual Bridge Maintenance Program with Hourly Rates and Reimbursable Costs Not to Exceed the Amount of \$198,855.00 and Authorize Two One-Year Renewal Options

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for engineering services for annual bridge maintenance program with hourly rates and reimbursable costs not to exceed the amount of \$198,855.00 and authorize two one-year renewal options (City Project No. 104485).

DISCUSSION:

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) performs regular inspections of bridges within Fort Worth. This agreement will provide engineering services needed in preparing plans and contract documents for correcting deficiencies identified during the inspection process. It will also provide engineering services to prepare and prioritize a list of bridges for the five year maintenance plan along with construction estimates. The agreement also includes updates to the City's Arc GIS layer of bridges.

Freese and Nichols, Inc., proposes to perform these engineering services with hourly rates and reimbursable costs not to exceed the amount of \$198,855.00. City staff considers this fee to be fair and reasonable for the scope of services proposed. This agreement may be renewed two additional times (City Project No. 104485).

In April 2020, the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW), Capital Delivery Division, published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for various engineering consulting services. Category 10 – Bridge Design Task Order Contracts was utilized for this selection. An evaluation team of City staff subject matter experts from the Capital Delivery Division of TPW scored the submitted Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) based on company experience, prior projects, workload and team experience. A pool of five (5) firms was prequalified for Category 10 – Bridge Design. In May 2022, in an effort to match consultants with projects of specific scope, TPW asked the consultants submit a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) highlighting their experience with various project elements. Respondents to the RFAI were scored, and based on this scoring Freese and Nichols, Inc. was selected as the most qualified consultant to provide engineering services for this project.

Funding is budgeted in the TPW Highway & Streets Department's General Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of funding the 2024 Bridge Maintenance project, as appropriated.

M/WBE OFFICE –Freese and Nichols, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 13% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 13%.

This project is located in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Capital Projects Fund for the 2024 Bridge Maintenance project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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