



TO: Mayor via City Secretary

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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FROM (Department or other point of origin): General Services Department		Origination Date	Agenda Date														
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: Scott Minnix <i>8/25/16</i> 		Council Districts affected: All															
For additional information contact: Jacquelyn L. Nisby <i>JLN</i> Phone: 832-393-8023		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:															
RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize 13 Professional Materials Engineering and Testing Services Laboratory Contracts.																	
Amount and Source of Funding: N/A		Finance Budget:															
<p>SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: The General Services Department (GSD) recommends that City Council approve 13 professional materials engineering and testing services laboratory contracts with the firms listed below to provide materials testing services to support the construction of Capital Improvement Plan projects managed by GSD. The contracts will be funded at the time of the construction award. Each initial contract term is three-years with a one-year renewal option.</p> <p>On March 25, 2016, GSD advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for materials engineering and testing services for GSD managed construction projects. The RFQ contained selection criteria that ranked respondents on experience and expertise of the contractor and its individual members, technical approach, and quality assurance program. The Statements of Qualifications were due on April 14, 2016 and 13 firms responded. GSD evaluated the respondents and determined that all 13 firms are licensed and have the professional qualifications, experience, and technical approach to perform the services.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>*Austin-Reed Engineers, LLC</td> <td>ECS Texas, LLP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kleinfelder, Inc.</td> <td>Alpha Testing, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Raba-Kistner, Inc.</td> <td>QC Laboratories, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*All-Terra Engineering, Inc.</td> <td>*Gorrondonga Engineering Services, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Associated Testing Laboratories, Inc.</td> <td>*Kenall, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Services Industries, Inc.</td> <td>*Geotest Engineering, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Geotech Engineering and Testing, inc.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>* MW/SBE firms.</p> <p>PROJECT LOCATIONS: Citywide</p> <p>SCOPE OF CONTRACT AND FEE: Under the terms of the contract, the firms will be assigned to various projects during the construction phase and will perform materials testing to assure quality control during construction and compliance with engineering design specifications. The specific engineering tests and analysis to be performed will be identified in the respective construction contracts.</p>				*Austin-Reed Engineers, LLC	ECS Texas, LLP	Kleinfelder, Inc.	Alpha Testing, Inc.	Raba-Kistner, Inc.	QC Laboratories, Inc.	*All-Terra Engineering, Inc.	*Gorrondonga Engineering Services, Inc.	*Associated Testing Laboratories, Inc.	*Kenall, Inc.	Professional Services Industries, Inc.	*Geotest Engineering, Inc.	*Geotech Engineering and Testing, inc.	
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REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION			CUIC ID # 25GM320														
General Services Department:  Humberto Bautista, P.E. Assistant Director																	

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The consultants will be paid based on the established December 2015 City of Houston Schedule of Fees and the cost of the materials engineering and testing services will be appropriated with the construction award.

M/W/SBE PARTICIPATION: An M/W/SBE goal has not been established for these contracts. The Office of Business Opportunity has reviewed the scope of services and determined that due to the specialized and technical nature of the services, a waiver of the M/W/SBE goal is appropriate as described in the attached correspondence. However, seven of the companies are M/W/SBE firms as marked with an asterisk.

PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM: The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's "Pay or Play" Ordinance regarding health benefits for employees of City contractors. In this case, each consultant will provide health benefits to eligible employees in compliance with City policy.

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