



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: November 27, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language: AUTHORIZE PURCHASING AGENT TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED FIRM, LJA ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO RFQ NO. Q120156-JW, FM 969 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (TNR).

- **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.
- This project is for the necessary improvements and widening for FM 969 in two (2) phases. The first phase (approximately 2.1 miles) will begin from FM 3177 (Decker Ln.) to FM 973 and will expand the existing 4-lane road to include a continuous left turn lane, paved shoulders, and a sidewalk on one side of the road from FM 3177 to FM 973. The second phase (approximately 1.9 miles) will continue from FM 973 on to Hunters Bend Rd. and will widen the existing 2-lane road to a 4-lane road plus a continuous left turn lane, paved shoulders, and a sidewalk on one side of the road.
- As a result of a Pass Through Toll Finance Agreement between the County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) executed on January 17, 2012, TxDOT will reimburse the County a portion of the project expenses.
- On September 12, 2012, twelve (12) proposals were received for the design of FM 969 Improvements project, in which TNR staff evaluated and rated the qualifications of each firm using a standard rating form, as developed by TNR. The three (3) highest rated firms, LJA Engineering, Inc, H. W. Lochner, Inc. (Lochner), URS Corporation were then

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interviewed on October 19, 2012.

- As a result of the interviews, TNR recommends the highest rated firm, LJA Engineering, Inc., for this project, and requests authorization to commence negotiations. Attached is TNR's corroborating memo with the necessary matrix showing point totals for each firm.
- **Contract Expenditures:** Within the last N/A months \$0.00 has been spent against this contract/requirement.
- **Contract-Related Information:**
 - Award Amount: \$TBD
 - Contract Type: A/E
 - Contract Period: 480 calendar days from issuance of NTP
- **Contract Modification Information: N/A**
 - Modification Amount:
 - Modification Type:
 - Modification Period:
- **Solicitation-Related Information:**

Solicitations Sent: 43	Responses Received: 12
HUB Information: N/A	% HUB Subcontractor: 22%
- **Special Contract Considerations:**
 - Award has been protested; interested parties have been notified.
 - Award is not to the lowest bidder; interested parties have been notified.
 - Comments:
- **Funding Information:**
 - Shopping Cart/Funds Reservation in SAP: 300000323
 - Fund Center(s): 1490190000
 - Comments:

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_____ **Approved**

_____ **Disapproved**

Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge

Date

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marvin Brice, Assistant Purchasing Agent

FROM: Steve Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR

SUBJECT: Proposed FM 969 Pass Through Project
RFQ# Q120156-JW
Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Design

The following information is for your use in preparing an agenda item for Commissioners Court action. Please contact either me at ext. 4-9383 or Miguel Villarreal, P.E., Project Manager at ext. 4-7586 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Proposed Motion:

Consider and take appropriate action on TNR's request to negotiate a professional Services Agreement for FM 969 Pass Through Toll Project, in Precinct One with LJA Engineering, Inc.

Summary and Staff Recommendations:

On January 17, 2012, Commissioners Court approved a Pass Through Toll Finance Agreement with TXDOT for widening and improving existing FM969 from FM 3177 to Hunters Bend Road. Purchasing, together with TNR Public Works, developed an RFQ for engineering design services and on September 12, 2012, received proposals from twelve (12) firms. Three TNR staff members evaluated and rated the qualifications of each firm and determined LJA Engineering, Inc., as the highest rated and the most qualified firm for this project.

The professional services agreement will be for the development of construction PS&E and bidding documents for the FM 969 widening and improvements located in East Travis County Precinct One (see attached map). The project includes engineering design for widening existing FM 969 in two phases. The first phase begins on FM 969 from FM 3177(Decker Lane) to FM 973 and the second phase begins on FM 969 from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road. The design will be coordinated with TxDOT and other stakeholders.

TNR Staff scored the SOQ's submitted by 12 firms and interviewed the three top rated firms. Purchasing combine the scores and determined that LJA Engineering, Inc., is the highest rated. TNR Staff recommends approving Purchasing and TNR to negotiate a Professional

Services Agreement (PSA) with LJA. TNR and Purchasing will present the PSA to Court for approval after completion of negotiations.

Budget and Fiscal impact:

Funding for this project will come from bonds issued per the Pass Through Toll Finance Agreement entered into by the County and TxDOT. The total amount allocated to cover this phase of services is 1,140,000.00. The source of funding is as follows:

Funds Reservation: 0300000323

Fund: 4075

Fund Center: 1490190000

G/L: 580060

Issues and Opportunities:

This project will widen and reconstruct existing FM 969 from FM 3177 to Hunters Bend Road in two phases. Phase one will begin from FM 3177 to FM 973 and will expand the existing 4 lane FM 969 to include a continuous left turn lane with a sidewalk on one side. Phase Two will begin from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road and will widen FM 969 from a 2 lane road to a 4 lane road plus a continuous left turn lane with a sidewalk on one side.

Attachment: Evaluation Result
Vicinity map

cc: Cynthia McDonald, Donna Williams-Jones, Tawana Gardner, TNR Financial Services
Steve Sun, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director TNR
Mike Crawford, Auditor's Office
Miguel Villarreal, P.E., TNR Project Manager

SOQs	Evaluator A	Evaluator B	Evaluator C	Evaluator D	Avg.
AECOM	3.25	3.9	3.35		3.50
Baker-Aicklen	2.7	2.5	2.7		2.63
Binkley Barfield	3.8	3.05	3.8		3.55
CEC	3.25	2.85	3.3		3.13
CP&Y	3.35	3.35	3.45		3.38
Dannenbaum	2.9	3.15	2.6		2.88
LJA	3.9	4.75	3.9		4.18
Lochner	3.9	3.35	3.8		3.68
Pape Dawson	3.35	3.25	3.45		3.35
Solary	2.8	2.3	2.45		2.52
Steger Bizzell	3.35	2.3	2.8		2.82
URS	3.9	4	3.55		3.82

Interviews

LJA	4.65	4.65	4		4.43
Lochner	3.75	3.5	3.4		3.55
URS	4.4	4.5	4		4.30

Total

LJA	8.55	9.4	7.9		8.62
Lochner	7.65	6.85	7.2		7.23
URS	8.3	8.5	7.55		8.12