



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: October 29, 2013

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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, Binkley-Barfield Inc., For Engineering Services in Response to RFQ No. Q1306-018-LP, Hamilton Pool Road Safety improvements.

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.

- The Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements includes adding turn lanes where needed with typical cross-sections that includes two travel lanes with 4' paved shoulders, roadside open drainage ditches and bridge design reconstruction. The safety improvement project will be developed by applying principles of Low Impact Development (LID). The approach will lead to preserving and enhancing scenic, aesthetic, historic, community and environmental resources. Furthermore, utilizing the LID approach allows for improving, maintaining safety and mobility to the infrastructure conditions.
- On July 25, 2013, eight (8) proposals were received for design of the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements project, in which three TNR staff evaluated and rated the qualifications of each firm using a standard rating form, as developed by TNR. The evaluations determined a shortlist of three most highly qualified firms to be Binkley-Barfield, Huitt-Zollars and Atkins.

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- As a result of the qualifications evaluation process, TNR recommended that the firms on the shortlist be interviewed and evaluated utilizing the standard interview scoring document, which required a presentation of each firm's technical plan and a series of questions by the evaluation team.
- Both the qualifications evaluation scores and interview evaluation scores were combined and it was determined that Binkley-Barfield, Inc., is the most highly qualified firm for this project.
- TNR requests with Purchasing's concurrence, authorization to commence negotiations with Binkley-Barfield Inc. Attached is TNR's corroborating memo with the 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: N/A
 - Contract Type: Professional Services
 - Contract Period: N/A

- **Contract Modification Information: N/A**
 - Modification Amount:
 - Modification Type:
 - Modification Period:

- **Solicitation-Related Information:**

Solicitations Sent: 64	Responses Received: 8
HUB Information: Vendor is not a HUB	% HUB Subcontractor: 33.8%

- **Special Contract Considerations: N/A**
 - Award has been protested; interested parties have been notified.
 - Award is not to the lowest bidder; interested parties have been notified.
 - Comments: N/A

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➤ **Funding Information:**

Shopping Cart/Funds Reservation in SAP: 0300000584

Comments:

REQUESTED ACTION:

_____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved**

Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge

Date

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marvin Brice, C.P.P.B., Assistant Purchasing Agent

FROM:  Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive

SUBJECT: Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements Project
RFQ# 1306-018-LP
Consultant Selection and Professional Services Negotiation

The following information is provided for your use in preparing an agenda item for Commissioners Court action regarding a Professional Services Contract with Binkley-Barfield. Please contact Chiddi N'Jie at 512-854-7585 if you need additional information.

Proposed Motion:

Consider and take appropriate action on a request to develop the scope of services and fees for the professional engineering services required for the development of plans, specifications, and engineering (PS&E) documents for the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements project in Precinct Three, with Binkley-Barfield.

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

On June 24, 2013, Purchasing Department, at the request of TNR, posted on BidSync the solicitation for professional engineering services required for the development of plans, specifications, and engineering (PS&E) documents for the Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements project. Hamilton Pool Road is in the southwest sector of Travis County in Precinct Three.

On July 25, 2013, eight (8) Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) were received by the Purchasing Agent. After the review and scoring of the submitted SOQ's, using the issued evaluation criteria, the three highest scoring firms were selected to provide an oral presentation of their technical plan and to respond to questions from the evaluation committee.

Oral presentations and interview were held on October 2, 2013. The scores from this interview were added to the scores obtained from the SOQ evaluations; Binkley-Barfield was determined to be the highest ranked and most qualified firm to do the project.

TNR recommends that Binkley-Barfield, Inc. be selected as the consultant for this project based on the total scores received for the SOQ evaluation and the oral presentation of their technical plan and interview.

TNR requests Court approval to select Binkley-Barfield, Inc as the most qualified firm and to begin negotiation of a professional services agreement with this firm.

Budget and Fiscal Impact:

Funding for the design of Hamilton Pool Road Improvements project is available from the 2005 Bond Program and has been reserved in the following account:

Funds Reservation:	300000584
Fund	4058
Fund Center:	1490190000
G/L:	521040
WBS Element:	RDCN.149.000033
Amount:	\$922,000.00

Background:

This Hamilton Pool Road project limits are between RM 12 and the top of the east bank of the Pedernales River, a distance of about 6.5 miles (This does not include the switchback and the low water crossing). The proposed safety improvements includes adding turn lanes where needed, with a typical cross-section that includes two travel lanes with 4' paved shoulders, and roadside open drainage ditches and bridge reconstruction. The shoulders could also serve as bicycle lanes. The minimum desirable design speed is 40 MPH but consideration will be given to using 35 MPH where significant excavations and embankments can be avoided, as not to create undesired impacts to the surrounding environment. The right-of-way (ROW) width needed for this roadway improvement will be a minimum of 60'. The scope of services will include services required to develop a complete set of construction and ROW plans to acquire any needed ROW and construct the proposed roadway safety improvements. Considerations will be given to the existing construction plans for the extension of Reimer's Peacock Road from Hamilton Pool Road to SH 71, and also, due to limited alternative access to the area, the construction plans will include a way to maintain access to the area during construction.

The safety improvement project will be developed applying principles of Low Impact Development (LID). This approach will lead to preserving and enhancing scenic, aesthetic, historic, community, and environmental resources, while improving or maintaining safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions. The consultant will review the existing roadway alignment, profiles, and geometries, including existing drainage and bridge structures before making any safety improvement recommendations. The improvements will terminate at the top of the east bank of the Pedernales River, and will not include the switchback and the low water

crossing. A complete set of construction plans, specifications, and engineering documents will be prepared through this professional services agreement.

Issues and Opportunities:

Hamilton Pool Road is a narrow two-lane winding rural collector. In addition to area residents and commuters, it is also used by visitors to the popular Hamilton Pool Park and the Southwest Metro Park (Reimer's Ranch Park). It is in need of safety improvements and this project is being scoped to address that need.

Required Authorizations:

TNR Financial: Cynthia McDonald

Purchasing: Cyd Grimes

PBO: Jessica Rio/Hannah York

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Project Location Map
- Attachment B: Firms Evaluation Matrix

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Central Files: 97B01-15 -1CA\Howard Ln II\ Design

RFQ PROPOSAL EVALUATION PORTION (8 Total)									
Hamilton Pool Road Safety Improvements Design									
REVIEWER	AECOM	ATKINS	BINKLEY	HAS	HUITT ZOLLARS	PAPE DAWSON	SBI	SEILER LANKES	
REVIEWER 1	3.00	3.50	3.00	2.60	3.10	2.60	3.00	3.20	
REVIEWER 2	4.00	4.00	4.20	3.60	4.00	4.00	3.60	3.20	
REVIEWER 3	4.00	4.40	4.00	3.70	4.40	4.00	3.50	3.50	
PROPOSAL EVALUATION TOTAL	11.00	11.90	11.20	9.90	11.50	10.60	10.10	9.90	
PROPOSAL AVERAGE SCORES	3.67	3.97	3.73	3.30	3.83	3.53	3.37	3.30	
HALF-WORTH	1.83	1.98	1.87	1.65	1.92	1.77	1.68	1.65	
RANK ORDER		1	3		2				

INTERVIEW EVALUATION (3)				
REVIEWER	Binkley	ATKINS	HUITT	
REVIEWER 1	4.40	3.16	4	
REVIEWER 2	4.60	3.24	3.24	
REVIEWER 3	3.84	4.92	3.16	
INTERVIEW TOTAL	12.84	11.32	10.4	
INTERVIEW AVERAGE	4.28	3.77	3.47	
HALF-WORTH	2.14	1.89	1.73	
Combined SOQ/IV	4.01	3.87	3.65	
TOTAL RANK ORDER	1	2	3	