



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Mass Selection of Design Consultants for 2022 – 2027 Bond Program & Other Capital Funded Projects

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of 58 professional services contracts for Civil Engineering Services, 25 professional services contracts for Architecture Services and 57 professional services contracts for Landscape Architecture Services, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$86,000,000; and, the negotiation and execution of agreements with utility companies to accept reimbursement for utility work from respective utilities included in these contracts; and payment subject to the availability of funds in connection with the 2022-2027 General Obligation Bond Program and the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 7, 2022, voters approved the City's 2022 - 2027 Bond Program consisting of six propositions totaling \$1.2 Billion. The program includes 183 projects designed to construct, improve and enhance local streets, bridges, sidewalks, drainage facilities, parks, libraries, housing, and other facilities. Projects may leverage funds with community partners, invest in major transportation corridors, support multi-modal transportation, and establish new connections

between the City’s linear creek way system, roadway networks, and urban and neighborhood areas throughout San Antonio, with some projects having a regional or city-wide benefit for all residents. The following summarizes the six Propositions in the Bond Program:

Proposition	Projects	Amount
Proposition A – Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks	62 Projects	\$471,557,000
Proposition B – Drainage & Flood Control	23 Projects	\$169,873,000
Proposition C – Parks & Recreation	82 Projects	\$271,915,000
Proposition D – Library & Cultural Facilities	9 Projects	\$58,375,000
Proposition E – Public Safety Facilities	6 Projects	\$78,280,000
Proposition F – Affordable Housing	1 Project (5 Priority Funding Categories)	\$150 Million

During the June 1, 2022, City Council “B” Session, Public Works briefed City Council on the City’s 2022 Bond program implementation strategy, which included information on the delivery of the bond projects including the mass selection of design consultants. The City has successfully used the mass selection of design consultants process previously for 2007, 2012 and 2017 Bond Programs. Today’s actions are consistent with that briefing.

Procurement of Services

On June 8, 2022, Public Works released three Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) to seek professional design services for 2022 General Obligation Bond and other capital funded projects, specifically: 1) Civil Engineering, 2) Architectural and 3) Landscape Architecture. The RFQs were released in the San Antonio Hart Beat, Express News, the City’s website, the Texas Electronic State Business Daily, on TVSA, and through the online bidding website CivCast. A Pre-Submittal Conference was held on June 22, 2022, at the Henry B. González Convention Center at 900 East Market Street. During this conference, City staff presented general information on the 2022-2027 Bond Program, the solicitation requirements, rules and instructions, the SBEDA application and responded to questions regarding the recently released RFQs. The event was well received and over 300 individuals representing design firms attended. City staff also presented at the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber virtually and in-person the week of June 27, 2022. On August 3, 2022, thirty-three (33) eligible submittals were received for Architectural, and twenty-eight (28) submittals were received for Landscape Architectural. On August 10, 2022, seventy-three (73) submittals were received for Civil Engineering. A selection committee consisting of representatives from the Library, Public Works, SAPD, SAFD, Human Services, Sustainability, Transportation, Parks and Recreation departments, as well as representatives from CPS, SAWS, SARA, VIA, and American Institute of Architects (AIA), evaluated and ranked the submissions and scored the submittals. Scoring was based on the published evaluation criteria, which included Evaluation of Experience, Background, and Qualifications of the Firm, Key Personnel, and Key Sub-Consultants; Understanding of the Project and Proposed Management Plan; Experience in the San Antonio Region and Past Performance; and Experience with Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Practices. After the scores were complete, the consultants were matched with appropriate projects. Attached are the recommended consultant selections per project.

These contracts will be awarded in compliance with the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program, which requires contracts to be reviewed by a Goal Setting Committee (GSC) to establish a requirement and/or incentive unique to the particular contract to maximize the amount of small, minority and woman-owned business participation under the contract. On February 15, 2022, the Goal Setting Committee applied the aspirational subcontracting goals at 35% Small Business Enterprise (SBE), 25% Minority and/or Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) and 3% African American Business Enterprise (AABE) and requires that on select pre-selected projects the awarded prime consultants become mentors in the City's Mentor Protégé Program.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the negotiation and execution of 58 professional services contracts for Civil Engineering Services, 25 professional services contracts for Architecture Services and 57 professional services contracts for Landscape Architecture Services, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$86,000,000. This item also authorizes the negotiation and execution of agreements with utility companies to accept reimbursement for utility work from respective utilities included in these contracts; and payment subject to the availability of funds in connection with the 2022-2027 General Obligation Bond Program and the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Budget.

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Negotiating and executing 140 design contracts with this action allows for a quicker start to the delivery of projects, saves time and money, and creates opportunities for local consultants. Of the \$86 million, \$46 million (55%) will be awarded to SBEDA eligible prime and sub consultants for

design service.

As part of the partnerships for the 2022 Bond Program, utility coordination will include the joint design and joint bid of projects with our utility partners.

ALTERNATIVES:

Approving the negotiation and execution of all professional design services contracts in one action allows for a quicker start to the delivery of bond and other capital funded projects, saves time and money and provides opportunities for local civil, architect and landscape architect designers.

One alternative is for staff to solicit for design services per project, which would also include the evaluation, ranking and seeking approval from City Council. However, that could be very time consuming, risking the timely completion of the 2022 Bond and other capital funded projects. Another alternative could include Council authorizing only the negotiations at this time, allowing staff to proceed with negotiations and bring the contracts back for authorization in groups. However, this method will increase the number of City Council actions and could take up to 12 months before all contracts are considered by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All City funds for this action were approved in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program budget. Funds for the respective utilities will be reimbursed by SAWS, CPS Energy and other relevant utility companies. Each negotiated contract will be within budgeted amounts and within the amount to be accepted by the affected utility company.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager and/or the Director of Public Work or his designee to negotiate and execute all documents and contracts as needed in connection with the delivery of the 2022-2027 Bond Program and other capital funded projects included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Budget.