



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Razi Hosseini

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Professional Services Agreements: On-Call Structural Engineering Services

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance approving the negotiation and execution of four professional services agreements with Intelligent Engineering Services, LLP, Unitech Consulting Engineers, Inc., Halff Associates, Inc. and RSCR, Inc. for as-needed structural engineering services related to construction projects citywide. Each agreement is for an initial term of one year with an option to renew each agreement three additional one-year extensions at the City's discretion in an amount of \$300,000.00 per contract term for a total amount of \$1,200,000.00 per contract.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On-call agreements are utilized when multiple projects are delivered through various programs within a limited timeline and when project scopes are not initially known. The Public Works Department previously contracted with five consultants, which provided on-call structural services for the City. However, those previously executed contracts expired in June 2021.

These professional services agreements will be available to all City departments and will provide as-needed on-call structural engineering services for time-sensitive situations connected with City

improvements and citywide construction projects. Utilizing these on-call agreements will allow for the expedited structural engineering services as-needed for citywide construction projects.

#### Procurement of Services

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call structural engineering services was issued on March 31, 2021. This RFQ was advertised in the San Antonio Hart Beat, on the City's website, the Texas Electronic State Business Daily, and through the electronic bidding website CivCast. A pre-submittal conference was held on April 14, 2021 and responses were due on May 28, 2021. Twelve firms responded and submitted their Statement of Qualifications (SOQs). A selection committee made up of City staff from the City Manager's Office, Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the Center City Development and Operations Department evaluated and ranked the submissions. Scoring was based on the published evaluation criteria, including experience, background and qualifications, key personnel and sub-consultants; understanding of the project and proposed management plan; and experience with the San Antonio region and past performance.

These agreements 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 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. The Goal Setting Committee set a 19% Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) subcontracting goal. The recommended firms have committed to meeting the subcontractor participation goals.

Discretionary disclosure forms for each of these firms are attached.

A post solicitation briefing to the Audit and Accountability Committee was held on August 20, 2021.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance approves the negotiation and execution of four professional services agreements with Intelligent Engineering Services, LLP, Unitech Consulting Engineers, Inc., Halff Associates, Inc. and RSCR, Inc. for as-needed structural engineering services related to construction projects citywide.

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The recommended firms will provide on-site structural engineering services and personnel available for the City's on-call structural engineering projects for the duration of a project's construction on an as-needed basis. The utilization of these services will be determined by each project's size and time sensitivity as defined by the Public Works Department project management staff and each project's needs.

These professional services agreements will be available to all City departments and will address all aspects of structural engineering services, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Pre-design services including assessment and evaluation of structural systems with the development of preliminary budget and schedules.
- Design services including project design utilizing all information from the project schematic phase, the development of contract documents tailored to a selected delivery method using approved preliminary design documents and cost estimates.
- Construction phase services include performing the necessary site visits to confirm the amount and quality of work and inspecting for compliance with requirements of the contract documents.
- Project close-out and warranty follow-up services including confirming the contractor's compliance with contract documents for project close-out, inspecting and verifying delivery of all warranty information and verifying and updating record drawings in accordance with the City's Design Guidance Manual.

The consultants will be expected to identify work to be performed by providing City staff individual task proposals based on needs as directed, identify and provide contracted fees for services through individual proposals as negotiated with City staff, perform services identified by the task orders individually negotiated with City in accordance with the professional service agreement and invoice the City in accordance with compensation terms negotiated by task order and with the professional service agreement.

These professional services agreements will allow for the immediate execution of work instead of soliciting these services per on a project basis.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could choose not to approve these on-call professional services agreements and require separate Request for Qualifications for each project or program management need and select firms based on qualified experience in working with similar projects or programs. However, separate solicitations issued for these projects and programs would significantly impact the timely delivery of future capital improvement projects and programs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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Requirements for each task will be detailed in individual task orders assigned. The City makes no minimum guarantee regarding the volume of work that each consultant may expect. If funding for any work activities was not previously appropriated, funding would be identified and appropriated through subsequent City Council action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of the four professional services agreements with Intelligent Engineering Services, LLP, Unitech Consulting Engineers, Inc., Halff Associates, Inc. and RSCR, Inc. for as-needed structural engineering services related to construction projects citywide. Each agreement is for an initial term of one year with an option to renew each agreement three additional one-year extensions at the City's discretion in an amount of \$300,000.00 per contract term for a total amount of \$1,200,000.00 per contract.