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Public Works

Board Action

File #: 23-169

Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Approve the Qualifications Based Selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates, and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Provide Planning and Design Services for the Rankin Lake Park to Gastonia Tech Parkway Greenway Extension (STIP# C-5606K)

STAFF CONTACT

Dan Ziehm, PE - Public Works Director - 704-862-6795

BUDGET IMPACT

No Additional County Funds Required.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners approved Board Action 2017-272 to accept and appropriate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant funding for the Rankin Lake Park to Gastonia Technology Parkway Greenway Extension (STIP# C-5606K). The grant will provide funding for the design and construction of a greenway connection from Rankin Lake Park to Gastonia Technology Parkway.

North Carolina General Statute NCGS §143-64.31 requires the initial solicitation and evaluation of firms to perform architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management-at-risk services, and design-build services (collectively "design services") to be based on qualifications and without regard to fee. NCGS §143-64.32 authorizes units of local government to exempt contracts for design services from the qualifications-based selection (QBS) requirements of NCGS §143-64.31 if the estimated fee is less than \$50,000. However, the design fees for this CMAQ project will exceed the \$50,000 cap for exemption, thereby requiring the engineer to be selected through the qualifications-based process. In addition, the qualification-based selection process is required to comply with Uniform Guidance (UG) selection requirements. When federal funds are involved, waiver of QBS can only be considered when total cost is below \$10,000 per Uniform Guidance.

Upon receiving authorization from NCDOT, Public Works staff developed a Request for Letters of Interest (LOI) for the project in accordance with the statutory requirements and publicly advertised the project beginning on January 30, 2019.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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2023-147	04/25/2023	BH	KJ	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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Submittals were received on March 6, 2019, from nine (9) firms. Three (3) firms met all prerequisites and were scored for consideration:

- American Engineering, Charlotte, NC
- Alfred Benesch, Charlotte, NC
- Kimley-Horn, Charlotte, NC

The local selection committee comprised of four (4) Public Works staff reviewed each of the LOI submissions and selected Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. as the most qualified firm.

This project was posted on the Connect NCDOT Website which is an acceptable alternative per NCDOT to posting on HUB for MWBE affirmative steps. NCDOT reviewed the selection process and provided concurrence with the selection of Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. Approval of this Board Action officially selects Kimley-Horn & Associates as the designer of record for the project listed above. Further, approval of this Board Action authorizes the County Attorney to draft the necessary contract documents for the work and authorizes the County Manager, or her designee, to negotiate and execute said contract.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NCDOT Concurrence in Selection



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SECRETARY

June 25, 2019

Mr. Matt Blackwell
Contracts Coordinator
Gaston County Public Works
PO Box 1578
Gastonia, NC 28053

Via EBS Portal

RE: Concurrence with Consultant Selection Process
Gaston County
Project C-5606K; WBS Element: 43728.1.11; 43728.2.7; 43728.3.11
Federal-Aid No: CMAQ-000S(900)
Project Name: Rankin Lake to Tech Park Greenway

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

This letter is to advise that the Department of Transportation concurs with the selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and their Subconsultant team Telecommunications & Industrial Consulting Services Corporation, Froehling & Robertson, Inc., ESP Associates, Inc. and Concord Engineering & Surveying, Inc as a result of your recent RFQ process on the subject project. The County should retain documentation related to evaluation and selection of the consultant(s) in the event of an audit. This letter also serves as your authorization to commence negotiations with this firm to perform the required Planning and Design services.

Following are directions to the estimate form that must be completed by the consultant as a part of the negotiation process. The Department will need to review the completed document to verify that it is within an acceptable cost range.

Planning and Design:

- Go to <https://connect.ncdot.gov>
- Click on "Doing Business"
- Click on "Consultants"
- Click on "Guidelines and Forms"
- Under Forms, select "NCDOT Scope and Manday Estimate Form"

IMPORTANT: Please follow directions on forms for downloading, entering, and saving data to ensure that the formulas will work correctly.

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1020 BIRCH RIDGE DRIVE
RALEIGH, NC 27610

After review by the County, please submit the form to me for further review by the Department.
If you have any questions, please contact me at 919.707.6630 or by e-mail at
mrawley@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madeline Rawley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Madeline Rawley
Local Programs Management Office

ec: Jackie McSwain, Division Project Team Lead