



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 04/28/2020

SUBJECT: **RFQ NO. 2020-051 - PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 350 WEST BELKNAP BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER CONTRACT TERMS**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court grant approval to conduct negotiations for RFQ No. 2020-051, Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the 350 West Belknap Building Renovation Project, for Facilities Management, with the following firms based upon each firm's high ranking in the evaluation procedure:

GSBS Architects
Freese and Nichols, Inc.
Bennett Benner Partners

BACKGROUND:

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. One thousand two hundred (1,200) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this process. All documents pertaining to this RFQ were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested parties. Seventeen (17) responses were received.

Responses were evaluated by Facilities Management and Purchasing representatives and ranked based on the criteria and processes set forth in the RFQ. The responses from the firms listed above meet all specifications and are acceptable to Facilities Management. A contract will be negotiated with the top-ranking firm. If negotiations fail with the top firm, then Tarrant County will initiate negotiations with the next top ranked firm.

Based upon each firm's high ranking in the evaluation procedure, it is the joint recommendation of Facilities Management and Purchasing that the Commissioners Court grant approval to engage in negotiations for RFQ No. 2020-051, Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the 350 West Belknap Building Renovation Project, with the firms listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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