

Equal Opportunity Review Commission

MINUTES

Thursday May 21, 2020

12:00 PM

Via Zoom

Commissioners in Attendance: Erin Conley, Dr. Karen Hall, Dr. Jennie Sweet-Cushman, Tracey McCants-Lewis, Sara Segel, James Myers and Earl Buford

Staff in Attendance: Chuck Durham, Ricardo Williams, Upasna Goswami

I. Introduction

Motion to approve April 2020 minutes unanimously passed.

II. New Plans

2005-01-DOMI, Semicir Street Landslide Remediation.

DOMI represented the construction plan. The prime contractor is Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. Their sub-contractors - 6 Degrees Consulting Inc., an MBE, and two WBEs- Steel Core Construction Inc. and Rae-Lyn Enterprises have 14.83% and 8.09% participation respectively. The contract value is \$889,988.90.

Plan Approved

2005-02 Lowrie Street Bridge Construction FIFB20000164

DOMI represented the construction plan. The prime contractor is A. Merante Contracting, Inc. and sub-contractors are Alvarez, Steel Core Construction Inc. as MBEs and Cooper Trading, Interstate Enterprises Inc., Rae-Lyn, Enterprises Inc., as WBEs with 20.39% and 7.06% participation respectively. The contract value is \$751,000.

Plan Approved

2005-03 Henderson Street Wall

DOMI represented the construction plan. The prime contractor is A. Merante Contracting, Inc. and sub-contractors are TyE Bar an MBE, and Rae-Lyn Enterprises a WBE with 4.34 % and .86% p participation respectively. The contract value is \$346,000. The participation was deemed low. Will be reconsidered with improved participation.

Plan Disapproved

2005-04 City of Pittsburgh Visioning Study

City Planning represented the Professional Services plan. The prime contractor E. Holdings, Inc., is an MBE and sub-contractor UpStudio Landscapes is a WBE with 75.4% and 8.25% participation respectively. The contract value is \$90,289.76.

Plan Approved

2005-05 Hazardous Material Abatement Authority Wide- Task Order Based

Housing Authority represented the Professional Services plan. The prime contractor is Phase One Development and sub-contractors Boyd's Roll-Off Services an MBE and Ammend Facilities Services a WBE have 18% and 7% participation. The contract value not to exceed \$1,300,000.

Plan Approved

2005-06 Grass Cutting Vacant Lots Middle Hill

Housing Authority represented the Professional Services plan. The prime contractor is Water Transfer Solutions. With the current situation, it was pointed out that there will be only two people maintaining the lots until October and the response rate for more participation has been very low.

Plan Approved

- III. Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) Proposals-** There were three plans for submission. However, with no representation from the City, the proposals were tabled for the next meeting.
- IV. Continental Building Co.** represented by Bill Hilderhoff and Clarence Curry shared about the upcoming Sports and Exhibition Authority- North Shore

Gold Garage plan, and the steps they would take to reach out for MWDBE participation. The commission looks forward to the plan.

- V.** Dr. Melissa Burrows, Director of Equal Opportunity from City of Cleveland was introduced to the Commission by Ricardo Williams. She shared the practices and procedures being followed by the Cleveland MWDBE program. This could hopefully be a stepping stone for developing further synergies between the two cities.

- VI.** Chuck suggested another short meeting before the June monthly meeting with the commissioners to consider the ITQs, if there is representation from the Department of Procurement. Commissioners agreed.

- VII.** Letters of Approval will be sent by Office of Business Diversity to the Department of Procurement.