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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BENNETT PARTNERS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE JAIL SECURITY ELECTRONICS UPGRADE PROJECTS FOR THE GREEN BAY JAIL, CORRECTIONS CENTER AND LON EVANS CORRECTIONS CENTER

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a professional services contract with Bennett Partners for architectural and engineering services for the Jail Security Electronics Upgrade Projects for the Green Bay Jail, Corrections Center and Lon Evans Corrections Center, located at 2500 Urban Drive, 100 North Lamar and 600 West Weatherford, in Fort Worth.

BACKGROUND

The jail security electronics system is a critical security component to the County's correctional facilities. The system's function is to control and monitor cell doors, security intercoms, security cameras, video management recording systems and uninterruptible power supplies. The current security electronic systems at the Green Bay Jail, the Corrections Center and the Lon Evans Correction Center are outdated and have reached the end of their usable life. The current computer software is also outdated and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. The upgrade will convert the outdated analog camera system to an Internet Protocol (IP) based system and upgrade the door control systems to utilize updated software that supports touchscreen capability.

On April 26, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138003, approved Request For Qualification (RFQ) No. 2022-098 – Annual Contract for Professional Architectural-Engineering Services, for various Tarrant County projects. With approval of RFQ No. 2022-098, the Facilities Management Department and Purchasing Department were granted approval to utilize the selected firms for indefinite quantities of work, as outlined in the RFQ, at the hourly rates in the respective rate schedules for each firm. Firms will be issued a Tarrant County purchase order or will be required to sign a contract for individual projects, depending on the type and cost of the work. Bennett Partners was one (1) of the firms that received the highest evaluated ratings from the evaluation committee as having qualifications to meet the County's needs for indefinite quantities of work as outlined in the RFQ.

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The purpose of this contract is for Bennett Partners to provide design development, construction documents, bidding, and construction administration services for the Jail Security Electronics Upgrade Projects. The scope of services shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Design Development Phase
- Construction Documents Phase
- Bidding Phase
- Construction Administration Phase

This contract commences on January 23, 2024, and concludes on the date services are completed.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is \$433,050.00. Funding is available from funds designated for this project in accounts:

45400-2024 Capital Replacement Fund/3110302000 Green Bay Jail/540000 Capital Outlay

45400-2024 Capital Replacement Fund/3110307000 Corrections Center Building/540000 Capital Outlay

45400-2024 Capital Replacement Fund/3110308000 Lon Evans Corrections Center/540000 Capital Outlay