



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

May 26, 2021
AGENDA ITEM #6

Discuss and consider awarding a contract for Independent Environmental Compliance Management Services for construction of the 183 North Mobility Project

Strategic Plan Relevance:	Regional Mobility
Department:	Engineering
Contact:	Mike Sexton, P.E., Acting Director of Engineering
Associated Costs:	TBD
Funding Source:	Toll revenue bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds
Action Requested:	Consider and act on draft resolution

Project Description/Background - The 183 North Mobility Project will expand capacity along a nine mile stretch of US 183 between SH 45 and MoPac by adding two tolled express lanes in each direction in the median of US 183, expanding the existing US 183 to four non-tolled general-purpose lanes in each direction, and constructing a shared use path, and sidewalks between SH 45/RM 620 and Loop 1. The project also includes the addition of a direct connector between the existing express lanes on MoPac and the proposed express lanes on US 183, and additional operational improvements along MoPac including an option to add a collector-distributor road.

The Mobility Authority requires an Independent Environmental Compliance Manager (IECM) to monitor Design-Build Contractor compliance with the 183 North Mobility Project's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) commitments, Biological Opinion mitigation measures, Water Pollution Abatement Plan, and all applicable environmental laws and regulations during construction. The IECM will audit and conduct oversight of the measures implemented during construction operations for compliance by the contractor with various environmental requirements. To procure these services, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on March 12, 2021.

Statement of Qualifications were received from the following firms:

- aci consulting
- Cox McLain Environmental Consulting
- Freese and Nichols, Inc.

The Mobility Authority established a three-person evaluation committee and evaluated each proposal based on the criteria established in the RFQ. Upon completion of their review, the committee determined that ACI Group, LLC is the most highly qualified firm.

Following Board approval of this award, Staff will begin negotiating a contract for the services described above. The negotiated contract is anticipated to be presented at a future Board Meeting for consideration.

Previous Actions & Brief History of the Program/Project:

- On March 2, 2021, the Mobility Authority executed the design-build agreement with Great Hills Constructors to design and construct the 183 North Mobility Project.
- On April 14, 2021 the project achieved financial closing
- On April 15, 2021, the Mobility Authority issued NTP1 authorizing Great Hills Constructors to complete Project Management Plan and Quality Management Plan and to enter the project ROW in order to conduct survey and site investigations.

Financing: Funding to be provided through a combination of toll revenue bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds.

Action requested/Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that that the Board award the contract for Independent Environmental Compliance Management Services during the construction of the 183 North Mobility Project to ACI Group, LLC.

Backup Provided: Draft Resolution

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-0XX

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE
183 NORTH MOBILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) requires independent environmental compliance management services for the 183 North Mobility Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the necessary services, the Mobility Authority issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to firms interested in providing independent environmental compliance management services for the Project on March 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority received three responses by the April 2, 2021 deadline; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee reviewed the responses of the three firms and determined ACI Group, LLC to be the most highly qualified firm based on the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the evaluation committee's findings, the Interim Executive Director recommends that ACI Group, LLC be selected to provide independent environmental compliance management services for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby awards a contract for independent environmental compliance management services on the 183 North Mobility Project to ACI Group, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with ACI Group, LLC on behalf of the Mobility Authority, consistent with ACI Group, LLC'S response to the RFQ, the Mobility Authority's Procurement Policies, and as the Executive Director further determines is in the best interest of the Mobility Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once an agreement is reached, the Executive Director shall present that proposed contract to the Board for its approval.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 26th day of May 2021.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors