

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

Date: May 13, 2024

Subject: Consider and possible action to approve the Owner's Independent Design Agreement for professional engineering services in accordance with Texas Government Code 2269.305 for the District's Baseball & Softball Fields Synthetic Turf Conversion Improvements Project for professional engineering services.

New Business

Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of the voter approved Bond 2024 program, the District has established that the Design-Build methodology of construction brings best value to the Baseball & Softball Fields Synthetic Turf Conversion Improvements Project. In accordance with Texas Government Code 2269.305 the District is required to have an Independent Design Professional under the Design-Build construction method, which include licensed architects and/or engineers. Engineers are providers of professional services and must be selected in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act (PSPA) rather than on the basis of competitive bidding or another method of competitive procurement. Tex. Educ. Code § 44.031(f). In procuring architectural or engineering services, a school district must first select the most highly qualified provider of those services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications and then attempt to negotiate a contract at a fair and reasonable price. Tex. Gov't Code § 2254.004(a). The best practice for completing the first step under the PSPA is to evaluate architects or engineers using a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). On May 15, 2023, the Board delegated the authority to the Superintendent to rank and select one or more professional service providers for architectural/engineering services for design (step 1), negotiate a contract at a fair and reasonable price (step 2), and make a recommendation to the Board for final approval.

On April 9, 2024, Administration released the RFQ for Independent Design Professional Services. CEI Engineering, Inc. response was graded and scored based upon established evaluation criteria, and selected as the most highly qualified provider

of those services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications. Administration then requested the firms schedule of labor rates, and completed contract negotiations with the assistance of legal counsel.

ITEM ADDRESSED

Consider and possible action to approve the Owner's Independent Design Representative Agreement for professional engineering services in accordance with Texas Government Code 2269.305 for the District's Baseball & Softball Fields Synthetic Turf Conversion Improvements Project for professional engineering services

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Administration recommends the Board approve the Owner's Independent Design Representative Agreement with CEI Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services in accordance with Texas Government Code 2269.305 for the District's Baseball & Softball Fields Synthetic Turf Conversion Improvements Project for the scope and fees set out in the proposal provided.

Required Motion Language:

I move that the Board approve the proposed Owner's Independent Design Representative Agreement with CEI Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services in accordance with Texas Government Code 2269.305 for the Baseball & Softball Fields Synthetic Turf Conversion Improvements Project and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

All monies for these services will be expended from 2024 Bond Funds.