

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	22570	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	March 21, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule with SWCA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS for the purchase of services to survey and inventory golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo birds for Austin Water Utility in an amount not-to-exceed \$105,380.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gage Loots, Senior Buyer /512-972-4009
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants, Austin, TX, is to provide professionally conducted surveys for the Golden-Cheeked Warbler and Black-Capped Vireo, two endangered species of birds. These surveys will be conducted using Federal standards and accepted protocols for identifying the presence or absence of these birds on the Austin Water Utility's Water Quality Protection Land (WQPL). In addition, territories of any birds found will be documented to understand the extent of any areas occupied by such endangered species. Surveys will be conducted on the majority of properties managed by the WQPL program. These surveys will guide WQPL staff as they plan prairie and savanna restoration activities around territories either in terms of timing or location of restoration activities. This will allow the WQPL to avoid the disruption of any endangered species.

This purchase will be made through TXMAS cooperative contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants. SWCA Environmental Consultants is contracted through TXMAS to provide various types of environmental and wildlife survey services to public entities statewide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.