

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	22571	Agenda Number	28.
Meeting Date:	March 21, 2013			
Department:	Purchasing			

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC. to provide landscape maintenance services for the Austin Water Utility Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$877,728, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$292,576 per option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,755,456.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$170,669 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Water Utility Department. Funding for the remaining 29 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement.
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Sai Purcell, Senior Buyer, 972-4016
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Waste Water Commission.
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This Interlocal Agreement is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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 contract.

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide landscape maintenance services at various sites for the Austin Water Utility Department. The contractor will provide all equipment, fuel, maintenance, and labor. Included in maintenance of turf and planting services, are mowing, weeding, pruning, fertilizing, soil building, irrigation, and litter control.

As part of the City's Green Purchasing Program, TIBH Industries, Inc. (TIBH) has agreed to use alternative fuel mowers and landscaping equipment at no additional cost. Additionally, TIBH has agreed to evaluate and upgrade their landscaping equipment as new low-emissions or alternative fuel technologies become commercially available.

TIBH Industries provides training and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop marketable skills.

State law allows political subdivisions to substitute services available from blind or disabled persons for those which could be purchased from private businesses without securing competitive bids. TIBH is certified by the State Legislature to provide products and services to the State and its political subdivisions in compliance with Chapter 122, Title 8, of the Human Resources Code. Fair market prices are established by the Texas Committee on Purchases and Services of Blind and Severely Disabled Persons.