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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	24934	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	June 20, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Approve ratification of an emergency contract with OMI ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, LLC, for emergency fire control services at Austin Water Utility's Hornsby Bend Biosolids Treatment Plant, in an amount of \$2,943,505. Related to Item # 5.

Amount and Source of Funding

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

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Emergency Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Stephen Aden, Purchasing Manager, 972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	June 12, 2013 – Presented to the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This was an emergency purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

On February 25, 2013, approximately 35 acres of compost piles, yard waste piles and processed sludge piles at Hornsby Bend Biosolids Treatment Plant caught fire due to low humidity and unusually strong winds causing spontaneous combustion and the winds further spread embers throughout the piles. These fires could not be extinguished through typical firefighting methods due to the type of fire, so they would continue to smolder until extinguished. The continuous smoldering compost piles placed both the environment and public at risk. For this reason OMI Environmental Solutions was contacted to extinguish the fires before they could spread and affect the surrounding community.

Due to the threat of public calamity, normal procurement procedures could not be followed and the immediate appropriation of funds was necessary to protect City and community property.