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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	27028	Agenda Number	62.
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Meeting Date:	August 29, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month contract through an Interlocal Agreement with TIBH Industries, Inc. for vegetation control in creeks and stormwater control structures, hauling of excessive debris and waste materials from specified job site locations to an acceptable landfill, and for limited herbicide application, in an amount not to exceed \$1,744,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Proposed Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Cocke, Buyer II, 974-2003
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Interlocal is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

To reduce the risk of flooding to properties adjacent to waterways, this agreement provides for the clearing of excessive vegetation and debris from identified high-risk drainage channels and creeks. This agreement will also provide these services in detention and water quality ponds, and in newly annexed areas in accordance with approved service plans. Licensed herbicide applications of tree stumps and invasive herbaceous vegetation will also be provided on a requested basis.

TIBH Industries in conjunction with Easter Seals of Central Texas has performed this service for the past 23 years. Their dedication, experience, and timely performance demonstrate their qualifications to continue the creek clearing and pond maintenance services the City is obligated to provide.

State Law allows political subdivisions to substitute services available from blind or disabled persons for those which could be purchased from private business without securing competitive bids (Texas Human Resources Code, Section 122.017). Comparison of TIBH Industries pricing in past years has shown them to be at or below those of the private sector. TIBH Industries' rates will remain the same as it has been for the fiscal year 2012-2013 contract (Price Agreement No. NI130000001).

TIBH Industries serves as a broker to locate and administer contracts for non-profit organizations. Easter Seals of Central Texas Workforce Development Program personnel will perform the work and receive 94% of the funds. TIBH Industries will receive the remaining 6% of the funds to cover administrative costs. This contract will provide jobs to individuals who would otherwise need public assistance if this work program were not available.