

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	27929	Agenda Number	16.
Meeting Date:	October 17, 2013			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract with HILL COUNTRY FENCE, INC., for the purchase and installation of fencing for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve at Lime Creek, Park West and Coldwater tracts in an amount not to exceed \$296,488.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Wildland Conservation Fund of the Austin Water Utility.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.			
Prior Council Action:	█			
For More Information:	Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager-Corporate, 512-972-4040			
Boards and Commission Action:	October 9, 2013 - To be reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission.			
MBE / WBE:	█			
Related Items:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.			

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of approximately 23,185 linear feet of eight-foot tall game fencing at three separate locations (Lime Creek, Park West, and Coldwater) within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. The Wildland Conservation Division is made up of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve program and the Water Quality Protection Lands program protecting over 40,000 acres of land from roughly Cedar Park to Kyle. The BCP was established as a result of a federal permit issued to the City of Austin and Travis County to authorize impacts to eight endangered species. This permit requires active management and protection of these endangered species in the preserve. Fencing is identified as part of the BCP land management plan to minimize trespass impacts. The game fencing is also needed for deer management on the preserve to maximize hardwood production. The existing fencing is old barbed wire fencing, and much of it is not intact and therefore does not serve the needed purpose.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/1

BID TABULATION
 IFB No. SWA0003
 Wildlands Fencing Project
 (6 line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Hill Country Fence, Inc. Spicewood, TX	\$296,488.15
UT2 Environmental Services Leander, TX	\$337,455.00
Piatra, Inc. (WDB) Austin, TX	\$406,464.70
Construction Rent-A-Fence, Inc. Thrall, TX	\$423,783.75

A copy of the complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred fifty-six notices were sent, including eighteen MBEs and ten WBEs. Four bids were received, with one WBE firm responding.
- c. This is the first contract of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.

