

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	29817	Agenda Number	16.
Meeting Date:	January 30, 2014			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month requirements service agreement with THE UNITED STATES BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP SDC0008 to design, develop and maintain a materials exchange system in an amount not to exceed \$415,899, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$156,577 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,042,207.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$150,120 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery Department (ARR). Funding for the remaining 16-months of the original contract period and for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Best evaluated proposal.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Jonathan Dalchau, Buyer II, 512-974-2938			
Boards and Commission Action:	January 8, 2014 - Unanimously approved by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Ochoa Gonzalez being absent.			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 2.40% MBE and 3.66% WBE subcontractor participation.			
Additional Backup Information				

This contract is for the development and implementation of a Materials Exchange Program for the Austin Resource Recovery Department to support Austin's Zero Waste Goals initiative. The contract will provide a virtual network for participating entities located in the central Texas area (e.g., businesses, contractors, schools, non-profits, manufacturers) with a focus on identifying waste reduction, recycling, and reuse opportunities through by-product synergies. By-product synergies are realized when turning one entity's waste into a resource that can be used by another entity. The contractor will work to promote and educate Austin entities through outreach efforts, including a process for actively engaging stakeholder sectors.

The contractor will be responsible for providing an interactive website that will allow searches for specific items from other regional databases or materials exchange networks. The Materials Exchange program will initially provide a free service for participating entities designed to help find markets for materials they have traditionally discarded. Participating entities will be able to post both wanted and available materials, similar to listings in a classified advertising section.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

MBE/WBE solicited: 38/27

MBE/WBE bid: 1/0

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. The proposals submitted by the recommended Vendor meets the requirements of the Request for Proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with ARR's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.