



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

Date: July 9, 2014

Subject: **Disaster Debris Clearance and Removal Service Agreement**

The purpose of this item is to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to authorize award and execution of a contract for disaster debris clearance and removal services through the **Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)** in a total not-to-exceed amount of **\$1,200,000**.

Purpose

H-GAC has established contracts with seven (7) national hauling firms for disaster debris clearance and removal services. H-GAC provided our scope of work to the seven (7) firms, and six (6) provided proposals for our consideration. H-GAC recommends that municipalities select one primary contractor and several back-up firms, in case the primary firm is unable to fulfill our requirements following a given disaster. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also recommends this practice. There is no expenditure of funds for these contracts unless and until we require the contractors' services.

The primary contractor will be **Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.** in Houston, and the back-up contractors will be: **Ashbritt, Inc.**, of Deerfield Beach, Florida; **Phillips & Jordan, Inc.** of Knoxville, Tennessee; and **Crowder Gulf** in Theodore, Alabama.

The contract will be for an initial period of 36 months, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 each and combined, with three (3) 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per extension option each and combined. The contract will be for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Contract Timeline

April 21st – Proposals Submitted to H-GAC

July 9th – ZWAC Recommendation

August 7th – City Council Meeting

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council authorization of the award and execution of a 36-month contract with **Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., Ashbritt, Inc., Phillips & Jordan, Inc., and Crowder Gulf** for disaster debris clearance and removal services in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 each and combined, with three (3) 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per extension option each and combined. The total amount for the contract will not exceed \$1,200,000 for six (6) years.