

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID:	36309	Agenda Number	64.
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Meeting Date:	September 25, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month service agreement with TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC. to provide 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 limited herbicide application, in an amount not to exceed \$1,850,000, with six 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,850,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$12,950,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,850,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Exemption
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded 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

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

TIBH Industries in conjunction with Easter Seals of Central Texas has performed this service for the past 24 years. Their dedication, experience, and timely performance demonstrates 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 2013-2014 contract (Price Agreement No. NI14000001).