

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	46316	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	June 18, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) Program with DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL INC. for the purchase and application of root control for treatment of wastewater mains in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$25,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining 20-months of the initial contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase of root control treatment services.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Irene Sanchez-Rocha, Senior Buyer, 512-972-0048
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Boards and Commission Action:	June 10, 2015 – Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Castleberry and Vice-Chair Lee absent.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This cooperative contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C of the Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. Per the City's Small and Minority Business Resources Department, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract is to purchase and apply Razorooter II root control to approximately 55,941 linear feet of Austin Water's wastewater mains annually. Razorooter II is the only root control treatment product that we are aware of that has been subject to extensive testing and received approval for not having an adverse effect to the environment or biology and that has been tested and approved for use in wastewater lines by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Structural Pest Control Board.

When tree roots grow inside wastewater lines there is the potential of clogging the lines and causing wastewater overflows. Applying a chemical treatment to the tree roots growing in wastewater mains is a preventative measure to help reduce sanitary sewer overflows. Razorooter II root control has previously been purchased on an annual basis through sole source spot purchases.