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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	52187	Agenda Number	62.
Meeting Date:	11/19/2015		Department:	Watershed Protection	
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 9 to an interlocal agreement with the University of North Texas for a native vegetation restoration project to be conducted in Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake in an estimated amount not to exceed \$150,000 over three years, for a revised estimated contract amount not to exceed \$795,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 CIP Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. The remaining amount is in the project spending plan but is dependent on future CIP budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	June 09, 2004 - Council approved negotiation and execution of interlocal agreement. January 31, 2008 - Council approved negotiation and execution of amendment # 3 to the interlocal agreement in the amount of \$110,000. November 20, 2008 - Council approved negotiation and execution of amendment # 4 to the interlocal agreement in the amount of \$60,000. August 27, 2009 - Council approved negotiation and execution of amendment # 5 to the Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$15,000. November 19, 2009 - Council approved negotiation and execution of amendment # 6 to the interlocal agreement in the amount of \$105,000. May 26, 2011 - Council approved negotiation and execution of amendment # 7 to the interlocal agreement in the amount of \$30,000. December 6, 2012 - Council approved negotiation and execution of amendment # 8 to the interlocal agreement in the amount of \$120,000.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.				
Additional Backup Information					

On March 2, 2005, the City entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the University of North Texas for a program to establish native aquatic plant founder colonies to provide habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife, to maintain benefits of improved water quality associated with aquatic vegetation, to reduce re-infestation of hydrilla in Lake Austin, and to reduce the likelihood of infestation of hydrilla in Lady Bird Lake. Seven previously approved amendments to the Interlocal Agreement have expanded the program, adding more founder colonies, and expanding monitoring and managing existing colonies.

Amendment No. 9 adds \$150,000 to the agreement over three years for continued monitoring and maintenance of aquatic plant founder colonies, including additional installations of the larger herbivore exclosures and deeper water plantings in both Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake. Additional planting efforts will be focused on areas prone to erosion, where exotic species have been removed, and as needed to promote the spread of vegetation from founder colonies. Restoration work will coincide with removal of giant cane and elephant ear, and for replacement of controlled Hydrilla.

Contract Summary		
Action	Description	Amount
Original Contract	The establishment of native aquatic plant founder colonies in order to provide habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife. Contract shall take effect upon full execution (3/2/05) and expire three years later.	\$175,000
Amendment No.1	Establishment of native aquatic plants in Barton Springs Pool.	\$10,000
Amendment No. 2	Monitor existing founder colony sites in Lady Bird Lake and Lake Austin.	\$20,000
Amendment No. 3	Maintenance of existing sites, as well as expanding the number of sites and founder colonies in both lakes. This Amendment shall begin on February 1, 2008 and shall terminate on January 31, 2009, or at such time as the Scope of work described herein has been completed and accepted by all parties.	\$110,000
Amendment No. 4	Maintenance of existing sites, including construction of larger protective structures at appropriate sites, as well as additional plantings for minimizing shoreline erosion.	\$60,000
Amendment No. 5	Test management techniques for shoreline erosion control in Lake Austin.	\$15,000
Amendment No. 6	Continued maintenance of existing sites, including construction of larger protective structures at appropriate sites, as well as introduction of bio-control agents.	\$105,000
Amendment No. 7	Assessment and management of invasive riparian plants along Lady Bird Lake. This will include a guidance document for giant cane, initial restoration work, and pilot study of control of elephant ear infestation.	\$30,000
Amendment No. 8	Continued maintenance of aquatic plant founder colonies on both lakes, including installation of additional larger herbivore exclosures where appropriate. Establishment of native riparian plants at selected sites on Lady Bird Lake, particularly in areas where invasive giant cane has been controlled.	\$120,000
Proposed Amendment No. 9	Continue monitoring aquatic plant founder colonies. Install additional pens where appropriate. Expand revegetation efforts where non-native species are removed and along erosional shorelines.	\$150,000
	Revised Total Contract Amount	\$795,000