



**Recommendation for
Water & Wastewater Commission**

Commission Meeting Date:	February 10, 2016
Council Meeting Date:	February 25, 2016
Department:	Purchasing
SUBJECT	
Authorize award and execution of a 60-month contract with TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC. to provide landscaping maintenance services at various City facilities in an amount not to exceed \$4,875,000. This is a multi-department contract. Austin Water's annual requested authorization is \$600,000.	
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING	
Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining 52-months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.	
Purchasing Language:	Exempt- Blind or disabled
Prior Council Action:	N/A
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 10, 2016- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE/WBE:	This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program because it is exempt in Texas Local Government Code Chapter 252.022.

The contract will provide landscape maintenance services at various facilities throughout the City. The contractor will provide all equipment, fuel, maintenance and labor to complete the work covered under this contract.

The Purchasing Office partnered with the Office of Sustainability to review the scope of work and determine any environmental impact. As part of the City's Green Purchasing Program, TIBH Industries, Inc. (TIBH) has agreed to use alternative fuel mowers and landscaping equipment at no additional cost to the City. Additionally, TIBH has agreed to evaluate and upgrade their landscaping equipment as new low-emissions or alternative fuel technologies become commercially available. The Office of Sustainability reviewed and approved this approach and found it to be environmentally acceptable.

The Building Services Department will manage this contract and has recommended TIBH to continue providing these services based on the successful partnership the City has had with TIBH for over 10 years. City departments are satisfied with the services provided and wish to continue to build the relationship with TIBH.

TIBH Industries is a catalyst for employment opportunities for people with disabilities. They are a non-profit that links individuals with disabilities to meaningful career options. TIBH has continued to grow every year, helping to employ more than 6,400 individuals with disabilities in 2013 (numbers have not been released for 2014 yet). This contract will provide jobs to individuals who would otherwise need public assistance if this work program were not available.

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 and Texas Local Government Code Section 252.022(a) (13)).