



**Recommendation for  
Water & Wastewater Commission**

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	October 12, 2016
<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	October 20, 2016
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing
<b>SUBJECT</b>	
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month contract with <b>SYNAGRO OF TEXAS-CDR, Inc.</b>, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals CDL2003, for the management of biosolids reuse in an amount not to exceed \$9,424,778, with five 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,185,180 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,350,678.</p>	
<b>AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>	
<p>Funding in the amount of \$1,775,200 is contingent upon approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>	
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	<p>The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) CDL2003 for these services on April 4, 2016 and it closed on May 19, 2016 with five offers received. The recommended offer is the best evaluated offer submitted by a responsible offeror. Additional information on the solicitation is included below the line.</p>
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	N/A
<b>For More Information:</b>	Danielle Lord, 512-974-2298; Judy Musgrove, 512-972-0157
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	<p>October 5, 2016 – Recommended by the Joint Working Group (Zero Waste Advisory Commission &amp; WWW Commission on a 7-0 vote with 1 member absent.) with the contingency that the proposed Synagro contract (response to RFP CDL2003) is consistent with the proposed biosolids policies, and with the amendment that the first extension will be brought to Council to seek approval</p> <p>October 12, 2016- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.</p>
<b>MBE/WBE:</b>	<p>This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities and an insufficient number of certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.</p>

The contract is for the beneficial reuse of biosolids at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant. The contractor proposes to process all the biosolids through 100% composting.. The contract will be managed in accordance with strict federal, state, and local regulations; and in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) establishes requirements for the treatment, use, reuse, and disposal of biosolids generated during the process of treating municipal wastewater. Biosolids are the solid components of sewage which have undergone treatment and meet federal and state standards for beneficial reuse. The reuse of biosolids under this contract will follow standard management practices for composting.

Synagro of Texas-CDR, Inc. will beneficially reuse a minimum of 100,000 cubic yards of Hornsby Bend biosolids annually. Synagro of Texas-CDR, Inc. is one of the nation's largest providers of biosolids reuse solutions. They have a local presence in Austin, and a national perspective on biosolids issues. They currently serve more than 600 local and county government clients across the United States with similar biosolids reuse programs.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Synagro of Texas-CDR, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on experience and qualifications, proposed solutions, schedule and timeline, proposed cost, and local business presence. The Water and Wastewater Commission/Zero Waste Advisory Commission's working group recommended approval of the contract with the stipulations listed above.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

If the City is unable to secure a contract and an alternative for the processing of biosolids is not selected, there will not be sufficient City staff or resources to process all the biosolid material. If the biosolids are not processed, Hornsby Bend may not be in compliance with EPA and TCEQ regulations, which could lead to fines and administrative penalties for stockpiling and storing of biosolids improperly.

A complete solicitation package, including a response list, is on file in the City's Purchasing Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)

**EVALUATION MATRIX  
BENEFICIAL REUSE OF BIOSOLIDS  
RFP CDL2003**

<b>Evaluation Factors</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Synagro of Texas- CDR, Inc.</b>	<b>Denali Water Solutions</b>	<b>Forsythe Brothers Infrastructure, LLC</b>	<b>Texas Elements Inc.</b>	<b>Allen Click</b>
<b>Experience &amp; Qualifications</b>	<b>20</b>	20	17	3	3	*
<b>Proposed Solutions</b>	<b>20</b>	19	17	6	2	*
<b>Schedule &amp; Timeline</b>	<b>10</b>	9	8	3	1	*
<b>Local Business Presence</b>	<b>10</b>	0	0	10	10	*
<b>Proposed Cost</b>	<b>40</b>	40	25	15	20	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>*</b>

\*Deemed Non-Responsive – Did not meet the specification requirements of the solicitation.

NOTE: As per Section 252.049 of the local government code, contents of a proposal shall remain confidential until a contract is awarded. Therefore, the matrix will include points awarded for price but exact pricing will not be disclosed.