

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	64187	Agenda Number	39.
Meeting Date:	November 3, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Approve ratification of two 12-month emergency contracts to provide grounds maintenance for right of ways, medians and urban trails with PAMPERED LAWNS AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$267,750 and with GREATER TEXAS LANDSCAPES, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$327,250, for a total amount not to exceed \$595,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Public Works, Street and Bridge Division.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Ratification of an emergency purchase.			
Prior Council Action:	█			
For More Information:	Tracy Franklin, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-974-2034			
Boards and Commission Action:	█			
Related Items:	█			
MBE / WBE:	This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			

Additional Backup Information

On July 7, 2016 a contract with Ecocutter Inc. was terminated for default due to the vendor's failure to provide and perform ground maintenance for right of ways, medians, and urban trails. During this time, some areas became overgrown to the point of obstructing lines of sight on roadways.

On July 19, 2016 the Public Works Department, Street and Bridge Division requested an emergency purchase as a public health and safety exception to allow sufficient time to rebid a new contract while continuing to provide services. The Purchasing Office negotiated contracts with local bidders from the original Invitation for Bids who were previous contractors for the City and had firsthand knowledge of the City's requirements for these services.

Pampered Lawns Austin, Inc. was awarded a contract for South Austin Zone 1 right of ways, medians and urban trails. Greater Texas Landscapes, Inc. was awarded a contract for North Austin Zone 2 right of ways and medians.

Without this ratification the contracts will be cancelled and the right of ways, medians, and urban trails will again become overgrown.