



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1445, **Agenda Item #:** 30.

3/28/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with WorkQuest, to provide cleanup services for overpasses and under bridges, for up to four years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,560,000.

(Note: This procurement 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 procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Public Works.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$195,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Exempt - Services performed by blind or severely disabled persons.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) previously had a contract with WorkQuest (formerly Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped Industries, Inc. (TIBH)), for the removal of debris and cleanup for overpasses and under bridges throughout the city. Highway overpasses provide refuge for people experiencing homelessness. These encampments present immediate public health and safety risks. TxDOT no longer has the funding to continue these services and has allowed the contract with WorkQuest to expire. This contract will allow the City to continue these cleanup services using WorkQuest in conjunction with Relief Enterprise, at approximately 61 locations, including underneath Interstate 35, U.S. 183, Loop 1, and U.S. 290. Each location will be cleaned on a monthly basis.

State law allows political subdivisions to substitute services available from blind or disabled persons for those which could be purchased from a private business without securing competitive bids (Texas Human Resources Code, Section 122.017 and Texas Local Government Code Section 252.022(a)(13)).

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 390,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 390,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 390,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 390,000
TOTAL	4 yrs.	\$1,560,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.