



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3518, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

12/5/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with WorkQuest, to provide cleanup services for lands, creeks, electric utility distribution and transmission sites, and related infrastructures, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.

(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)

Austin Energy; Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$83,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$208,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. 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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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 18, 2019 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Vice Chair Hopkins and Commissioners Funkhouser and Wray absent, and Commissioner Hadden off the dais.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide for cleanups, on-going maintenance and related services as part of the six strategic outcomes and indicators adopted by Council in Spring 2018. In 2019, the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) conducted a pilot project to add capacity to perform cleanups at various Watershed lands and infrastructure using an external contractor. Through this pilot the department completed 37 cleanups across 11 sites and removed over 24 tons of material from WPD lands, creeks, and infrastructure. This effort also identified the need to continue this work and expand the services citywide. Additionally, Austin Energy

identified the need for cleanup services for its distribution and transmission infrastructure.

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)).

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$1,750,000

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