



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1715, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

4/9/2020

Posting Language

Approve ratification of an amendment to an existing contract with WorkQuest, for emergency cleaning services in the amount of \$100,803; and authorize an amendment to an existing contract with WorkQuest, to provide continued cleaning services for overpasses, under bridges and in the transportation right of way, for an increase in an amount of \$1,800,000 and to increase the term by three years, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$2,290,803.

(Note: This contract was awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for these contracts, 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 \$600,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

March 28, 2019 - Council approved the initial one year contract, item 30, on a 9-0 vote with direction to return to Council for approval of the extension options.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On February 20, 2020, there was a camp fire at Highway 183 and Cameron Road. This fire required immediate inspection and repair of the bridge to ensure the infrastructure of the bridge remained intact. In order to allow for the bridge inspection and repair, the debris, including trash and human waste which had accumulated under the bridge, had to be removed. To protect the health and safety of residents, this cleanup was performed immediately and the spending authorization request is being brought to Council at the earliest opportunity possible.

The proposed amendment will provide for the continued removal of debris, cleanup, and clearing out services under bridge overpasses and in the transportation right of way throughout the city.

The Texas Department of Transportation previously had a contract with WorkQuest (formerly Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped Industries, Inc. (TIBH), to provide these services, however the state allowed their contract to expire in 2019. On March 28, 2019, the original Recommendation for Council Action was brought forward and Council approved the initial term with direction to return to Council for further approval of any extension options. Per Council direction at the February 20, 2020 Council meeting, no waste from this contract will be taken to the Austin Community Landfill.

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)). The contract meets this requirement.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Current Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Requested Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Revised Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$390,000		\$ 390,000
Contract Amendment		\$100,803		\$ 100,803
Proposed Amendment	3 yrs.		\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
TOTALS	4 yrs.	\$490,803	\$1,800,000	\$2,290,803

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All; Health and Environment.