



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1966, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

5/21/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with WorkQuest, to provide continued cleanup services for overpasses, under bridges and in the transportation right of way, for an increase in the amount of \$1,800,000 and to increase the term by three years, for a revised total 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 this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Resource Recovery; Austin Transportation Department; Public Works.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$600,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budgets of Public Works, Austin Resource Recovery and the Austin Transportation Department. 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.

April 9, 2020 - Council approved ratification of an amendment for emergency services, item 22, on an 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

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 (TxDOT) 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

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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 businesses 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:**

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

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

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All; Health and Environment.