



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3202, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Environmental Survey, Inc., alias Environmental Survey Consulting (WBE), to provide all specialized labor, materials, equipment, and other services necessary for the installation, irrigation, and maintenance of green stormwater infrastructure, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,700,000.

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

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$540,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Watershed Protection Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 6300 SLW1044 for these services. The solicitation issued on July 6, 2020 and it closed on July 30, 2020. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link:

[Solicitation Documents](#)

https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134395.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or

AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or

sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov <<mailto:sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov>>.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide all specialized labor, materials, equipment, and other services necessary for the installation, irrigation, and maintenance of green stormwater infrastructure (GSI). Typical GSI includes landscape stormwater features (e.g., rain gardens and vegetated strips) and restoration projects in the interfacing areas between land and rivers, creeks, and/or streams. The landscape features and engineered

systems of GSI reduce impacts from built environments by using natural processes to control the quantity and quality of rainwater runoff, improving water quality protection and erosion control.

The contractor will also replace dead or damaged plants at existing GSI sites, sourcing, installing, and caring for them until they are established, as well as provide targeted herbicide treatment of aggressive invasive species as needed.

The current contract expires on November 25, 2020. The requested authorization amount was determined using a departmental estimate based on historical spend and future usage. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these services.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$1,080,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 540,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 540,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 540,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$2,700,000

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.