



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3352, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

11/18/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award of two contracts with Earthco Landscape Construction, LLC (MBE) and Unity Contractor Services, Inc. (MBE) to provide boundary vegetation treatment for wildfire mitigation, each for a term of five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$3,902,000, divided between the contractors.

(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. However, the recommended contractor identified subcontracting opportunities).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water, Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$615,450 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding in the amount of \$99,917 is available in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation 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) 2200 APC1012 REBID for these services. The solicitation was issued on June 21, 2021 and it closed on July 27, 2021. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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=135457)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135457>.

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: Diana McIntosh, at 512-974-2034 or Diana.McIntosh@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Diana.McIntosh@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 3, 2021 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Michel, Musgrove, and Williams absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide vegetation treatment services at various locations of Austin Water Wildland Conservation Division properties, Parks and Recreation Department land, and other City properties. The services include vegetation cutting, disposal, and all related activities in order to reduce the risk and harmful effects of potential wildfires on the City Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, the City Water Quality Protection Lands, and City Parkland in Travis, Hays, and Williamson counties.

These are new contracts. The requested authorization amount was determined using future estimated spend. The recommended contractors are certified City MBEs.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Mobility.