



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3486, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

12/2/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of three multi-term contracts with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., CrowderGulf, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC for post-disaster debris removal, each for up to five years for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, divided among 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 insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, the recommended contractors identified subcontracting opportunities).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Resource Recovery.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$833,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1500 SLW3011 for these services. The solicitation was issued on March 29, 2021 and it closed on May 13, 2021. Of the nine offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the best evaluated responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134242)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134242>.

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 Persons: Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov <<mailto:sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov>> or Billy Toler, at 512-974-2054 or William.toler@austintexas.gov <<mailto:William.toler@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 10, 2021 - The Zero Waste Advisory Commission was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Additional Backup Information:

The City is preparing for future disasters by entering contracts for post-disaster debris services. The recommended contractors will be eligible to provide post-disaster debris removal and debris disposal services on public property and public rights-of-way (ROW) within the city limits, including the management of the preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation phases of emergency situations or disasters. These contracts are to ensure coverage in the event of a disaster. The work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to clear, remove, load, and haul debris from public ROWs to debris management sites, temporary debris storage and reduction sites, and/or approved landfills.

All work shall follow Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Environmental Protective Agency requirements to maintain a safe working environment. Also, the contractors shall be required to follow Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) practices and guidelines and all other applicable regulations, guidelines, and practices.

Utilizing a debris removal and disposal contractor is a necessary step in the FEMA reimbursement process. The City has worked with DRC Emergency Services, LLC in the past during recovery efforts related to the February 2021 Winter Storm. Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., CrowderGulf, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC are all capable and experienced in providing disaster recovery requirements and meeting FEMA standards.

The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical emergency events.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., CrowderGulf, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC as the best to provide these services based on experience and qualifications, project methodology, management plan scenario, and pricing.

Contract Detail:

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

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.