



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-1763, Agenda Item #: 18.**

5/5/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a contract with ALEON Properties, Inc. for graffiti removal services, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.

(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**

Financial Services Department.

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

Building Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Convention Center Department, Aviation.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$95,833 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budgets of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 7500 SLW1066 for these services. The solicitation was issued on February 21, 2022, and it closed on March 8, 2022. Of the four 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://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136495)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=136495](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136495)>.

### **For More Information:**

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

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide graffiti removal services, including all labor and materials, at City facilities and parks. The contractor will provide graffiti removal services citywide on an as-needed basis. Graffiti will be removed by environmentally preferable chemicals, repainting using low-volatile organic compound (low-VOC) paints, and remediation using power washing or abrasive media. The Building Services Department maintains facilities throughout the city and will coordinate graffiti removal activities for most City departments.

The City recognizes graffiti has become an increasing problem with both public and private properties being

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marred with unauthorized markings, slogans, offensive language, and symbols. Moreover, graffiti serves to mark out territories of youth gangs and is closely related to juvenile gang activity, while devaluing property and reducing the aesthetic appeal of the city.

Pursuant to City Code §9-4-43, graffiti visible to the public is prohibited on both public and private property. On March 23, 1995, Council adopted an Ordinance No. 950323-K that directed the City Manager to implement a system that removes graffiti from City property within 30 days after notice of its existence. City maintenance staff does not have the capacity to provide significant graffiti removal services without the assistance of this contract. This contract ensures the City can comply with the ordinance for removal of graffiti at City facilities.

The current contract expires on May 5, 2022. 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.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Government that Works for All.