



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2730, Agenda Item #: 14.**

9/15/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a contract with DHL Analytical Inc. for laboratory analysis of water, sediment, and bulk materials samples, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

(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)**

Watershed Protection Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$26,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. 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) 6300 SLW1068 for these services. The solicitation was issued on April 4, 2022 and closed on April 21, 2022. 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://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136600)

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### **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)  
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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide pollutant analyses for routine and special water and sediment quality lab testing. Water and sediment sampling and analyses are required under various programs including but not limited to:

- The City's Pollutant Discharge Elimination System's municipal separate storm sewer system permit specifies

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sediment analysis of toxic constituents as one of the required measures in the City's Stormwater Management Program.

- Organic compounds and metals in sediments are analyzed in lake and creek sediments for the Texas Clean Rivers Program which submits data to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for its biennial statewide water quality assessment.
- Organic compounds, pesticides, and metals are analyzed from City water resources to identify areas of concerns for water pollution and enable prioritization of water quality improvement projects.

Sampling may also be required by unanticipated spills, releases, special studies, or other events impacting the environment.

The contract will replace two contracts, the earliest expiring on November 29, 2022. Requested authorization amounts were determined by the Watershed Protection Department's estimated sample needs for various types of samples. The recommended contractor is a current provider for these services and is certified by the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment, Safety.