



Posting Language

Recommend approval to execute a contract for Hornsby Bend tree management services with J Arbor Contracting LLC, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$546,000.

MBE/WBE

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

Austin Water Interim Assistant Director of Operations, Mercedes Garcia-Lopez

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$45,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Water. 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) 6000 BYS1017REBID for these services. The solicitation was issued on January 9, 2023 and closed on February 9, 2023. 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](#).

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

May 10, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide berm repair, revegetation, tree removal, and tree management services at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant. The services are required to maintain compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations. Services will be conducted in accordance with the Tree Removal Plan and Vegetation Management Plan developed by an independent engineering firm. The firm evaluated the extent of trees compromising berms and identified strategies for safely removing trees while maintaining the integrity of the earthen berms and protecting migratory birds visiting the area during their nesting season. These services will be performed in compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and are approved by TCEQ. Due to the breeding season of North American migratory birds, services under the contract must occur between September 16 and March 14 each year of the contract.

This contract replaces a contract that expired March 5, 2023. Authorization amounts are based on departmental estimates and historical spend. The recommended contractor is not the current provider



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for these services. The contractor is Minority and Women Owned Disadvantaged Business certified by the City and Historically Underutilized Business certified.

If a contract is not secured, Austin Water risks not having the services available to maintain tree and vegetation management around ponds, compromising the integrity of berms and falling out of TCEQ compliance.