



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2040, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

6/1/2023

Posting Language

Ratify two contracts for storm debris removal, disposal, and monitoring, related to Winter Storm Mara with Tetra Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$3,200,000, and with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., CrowderGulf, LLC., and DRC Emergency Services, LLC in the amount of \$18,000,000, divided among the contractors.

[Note: These contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Resource Recovery, Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of various City departments.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

On January 31, 2023 through February 3, 2023, an ice storm covered the City, bringing freezing temperatures, sleet, and icy conditions. The unprecedented ice accumulation resulted in road closures, extensive tree damage, broken power poles, and widespread power outages. The weather system was named Winter Storm Mara. On February 3, 2023, Mayor Kirk Watson and Travis County Judge Andy Brown signed local disaster declarations. On April 22, 2023, President Joe Biden partially approved the request from the State of Texas for a Major Disaster Declaration for Texas counties impacted by the effects of icy conditions and winter weather.

The City responded to Winter Storm Mara by providing various emergency services for residents including the pickup and disposal of unprecedented quantities of storm debris, primarily downed trees and broken limbs and branches.

The City's response required the use of two contracts that were executed prior to the storm. These contracts were set up to provide disaster debris removal services and monitoring to ensure compliance with Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) policies and guidelines. Winter Storm Mara's cleanup required spending amounts that exceeded the original authorization of both contracts. Contract expenditures

will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.