

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**VENDOR: STEARNS CONRAD AND SCHMIDT CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC****SUBJECT:**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract to provide landfill gas collection monitoring services, with Stearns Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Engineers Inc, for up to 60 months for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

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 Resource Recovery

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

PURCHASING:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1500 BJT1030 for these services. The solicitation issued on April 24, 2023, and it closed on June 13, 2023. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. [Solicitation Documents](#)

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Bartley Tyler, at 512-974-2023 or bartley.tyler@austintexas.gov. Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:

September 13, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC).

ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION (RCA BODY)

The contract will provide greenhouse gas monitoring services and all required reporting. This includes leachate, methane gas collections, control system operations, and regulatory guidance, along with expertise in maintenance, improvement, additional infrastructure, and repair services at the closed City of Austin ("City") landfill located at 10108 FM 812, Austin, Texas 78719 ("FM 812 Landfill").

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Stearns Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Engineers Inc as the best to provide these services based on cost, experience, system concept and solutions, local business presence, and SDVBE.

This contract is replacing an existing contract that will expire on October 31, 2023. The requested authorization amount was determined based on projected usage over the next several years. The recommended contractor is the current provider of these services. If the City is unable to secure a contract, the greenhouse gas capture system could cease to operate properly and greenhouse gases could potentially escape, having negative implications to the City of Austin's carbon footprint. These gases could also be harmful to employees at the site and the surrounding community.