



Contracts and Concessions Committee
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LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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BACKGROUND

- PARD seeks to establish a contract with a qualified Contractor to provide career training opportunities for Austin residents to develop the technical and job-readiness skills needed to perform environmentally sustainable land management services.
- These services include, but are not limited to:
 - Maintenance of natural areas,
 - Identification and removal of non-native and noxious plant species,
 - Restoration of degraded habitat with seeding and planting of native species,
 - Parkland tree maintenance, and
 - The development of natural surface trails and associated structures.

BACKGROUND

- On May 7, 2020, Austin City Council approved Resolution No. 20200507-061.
- This resolution directed the City Manager to create the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC) to employ Austinites experiencing economic distress due to the impacts of COVID-19.
- ACCC has been established as an employment and workforce development program that aids those who have been economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the Austin communities most likely to bear the cost of climate change.

RFQS GOALS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Three years of experience providing trail building, tree pruning, herbicide application services, and operating a training program for youth and young adults.
- Employees who can perform as supervisors with a minimum of three years of supervisor work in trail building and training.
- Engage in workforce improvements and education with participants to encourage low-barrier pathway entry into careers with the COA and ACCC.
- Demonstrate progressive improvement in strategic planning related to decreasing barriers to career advancement and permanent employment.
- Be actively engaged in developing pathways for career-advancing green jobs among economically vulnerable populations.



PROPOSED EVALUATION MATRIX

Operating Concept and Solutions	25
Demonstrated Applicable Experience & Personnel Qualifications	15
Price Proposal	15
System Concept and Solution	22
Qualifications and Experience	10
Local Business Presence	10
Service-Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Preference	3
TOTAL	100





DRAFT SOLICITATION TIMELINE

RFQS published	September 2023
RFQS closed	October 2023
Proposal evaluation and recommendation	November 2023
Presentation to CCC	December 2023
Presentation to PARB	December 2023
Council approval	January 2024
Contract award	January 2024

NEXT STEPS

- Corporate Purchasing to release RFQS in late September 2023
- Present award recommendation at the CCC meeting in December 2023

