



Posting Language

Recommend approval to authorize execution of five contracts for grounds maintenance and mowing services for Austin Water with Abescape Group LLC; Brightview Landscape Services, Inc. d/b/a Brightview Tree Care Services; Incircle Management Inc d/b/a Incircle Management; Stillwater Site Services Inc d/b/a Stillwater Landscapes; and Jamar.B.Burleson LLC d/b/a Texas Tough Lawn & Landscaping, each for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,800,000, divided among the contractors. Funding: \$60,000 is available in Austin Water's Operating Budget.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$60,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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 solicitation (IFB) 2200 MAS1001 for these services. The solicitation was issued on January 6, 2025, and closed on February 4, 2025. Of the 17 offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers, considering all lines. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website, . This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=141791

MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (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.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 16, 2025 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide regular grounds maintenance services for approximately 370 Austin Water sites, including pump stations, lift stations, remote facilities, and wildlands locations. These areas must be consistently maintained to ensure compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations. Emissions reduction guidelines were included in the solicitation, which included the use of alternative fuels instead of gasoline in the large engine lawn equipment. Carbon emissions will be reduced by approximately 20-40% when compared to gasoline emissions.

These contracts are replacing previous contracts which expired July 11, 2025. Requested authorization is based on historical spending and departmental estimates of future needs. One of the recommended contractors is a current provider for these services. If these contracts are not secured, the City's Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulatory compliance could be impacted.