Thursday, July 26, 2007

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 55

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a 36-month Interlocal Agreement with TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY – SAN MARCOS, San Marcos, TX, to provide monitoring, analysis and research services for endangered species in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining thirty-four months of this agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Stephen Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021, or Kevin Thuesen, Ph. D. 263-6432.

Purchasing Language: Interlocal Agreement.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is an interlocal agreement; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The Austin Water Utility's Wildland Conservation Division requests authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Texas State University – San Marcos to provide the City of Austin with services related to monitoring, analysis and research associated with endangered species on lands protected by the Wildland Conservation Division. These services will be provided on an as needed basis as provided in the agreement and in subsequent statements of work. No individual project will exceed \$45,000.

The Wildland Conservation Division is made up of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve program and the Water Quality Protection Lands program protecting over 34,000 acres of land from roughly Cedar Park to Kyle.