

AGENDA



Thursday, February 14, 2008

**Watershed Protection and Development Review
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 50**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a ten year Interlocal Agreement with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Texas A&M University for analyses of landscaping product toxicity in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the first twelve months, with an up to 5% increase allowed for each subsequent year and for the 12-month extension option, for a total amount not to exceed \$42,620.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008 Watershed Protection & Development Review Department. Funding for the remaining 125 months of the original contract period and the extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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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.

This interlocal agreement with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will provide updated product toxicity information for use in the Fact Sheets series provided by Grow Green, the City's earth-wise landscaping program (www.growgreen.org). Publication of current toxicity ratings on the Fact Sheets is essential to inform Austin citizens about the least toxic options for their yard care needs. The Fact Sheets provide environmentally-sound gardening solutions to pest and disease problems, and when updated, provide citizens the opportunity to evaluate the new products and chemicals that are available in the marketplace.