

AGENDA



Wednesday, June 18, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 56**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service with TEXAS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED (TIBH), Austin, TX for weed and lot mowing/clearing, tire disposal, and right-of-way and orphan property maintenance services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$2,557,538, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$1,028,424 for first extension option, \$1,131,267 for second extension option, and \$1,244,393 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$5,961,622.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$284,171 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding for the remaining 32-months of the original contract period and extension options 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: Roy Rivers, Buyer II, 974-6434

Purchasing Language:

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 a cooperative purchase with the services performed by disabled persons; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 122, Title 8 of the Human Resources Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Prior Council Action: Cooperative Purchase.

This agreement is recommended for award to TIBH to provide property cleaning services for activities within the Solid Waste Services Department's (SWS) Code Enforcement Division.

The contract involves the cleaning of illegal dump sites, mowing of high vegetation areas, and removal of rubbish and debris on neglected private properties. The contract also provides for the maintenance of City-owned rights-of-way in locations where it is unreasonable to require adjacent property owners to maintain, property where an owner can not be identified ('orphan' property), and scrap tire disposal. The need for these services is a result of the SWS Code Enforcement Division taking a more attentive approach to citizen requests concerning code violations on private/public properties. A more aggressive approach to the remediation of code violations is required due to transient camps, drug house activities, curbside and alley violations, increased citizen complaints requiring property cleaning and property maintenance, identified right-of-way safety hazards due to high grass and weeds, and public pressure to maintain City-owned property along Austin roadways.

The services have been contracted through TIBH since 1995 and SWS has been satisfied with their performance and responsiveness.

TIBH is certified by the State Legislature to provide products and services to the State and its political subdivisions in compliance with Chapter 122, Title 8, Human Resources Code. Fair market prices are

established by the Texas Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of Blind and Severely Disabled Persons.