

## AGENDA



Thursday, April 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 46

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with CENTRAL TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., Austin, TX for hydromulch services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$705,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$235,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,410,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$97,917 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding for the remaining 31 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:** Brenda Helgren, Sr. Buyer/530-7533

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of five bids received.

**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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide for hydromulching services for the Field Operations Division of the Watershed Protection & Development Review Department, on an as needed basis, for use in revegetating creek and water quality pond sites disturbed by performing required maintenance work under a City of Austin General Development Permit.

The primary purpose of revegetation is to control erosion that would occur in areas disturbed by maintenance. Hydromulching is a quick method to generate vegetation and minimize erosion by spreading grass seed over large areas through a mixture of seed, fiber and water. Hydromulch can be applied with various grass seed mixes that conform to the requirements of the defined area. The use of hydromulching conforms to City of Austin standard specifications for revegetation in critical water quality zones and 100-year floodplain areas.

MBE/WBE solicited: 9/6

MBE/WBE bid: 2/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-two notices were sent, including nine MBEs and six WBEs. Five bids were received, including two MBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 9% increase to the last contract award in April 2007.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received. Central Texas Environmental Services is not the current provider of these services.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.