

AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 50**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC., Austin, TX to provide landscape maintenance services at various City facilities in an estimated amount not to exceed \$600,000, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$300,00 for the first extension option, \$350,000 for the second extension option, and \$400,000 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,650,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$137,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of various City Departments. Funding for the remaining 25 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: Aiden Cohen, Senior Buyer, 972-4008

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 General Exemption under Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, and no goals were established for this contract.

This initial contract will provide landscape maintenance services at various departmental facilities throughout the City of Austin. The contract amount is priced to allow for expansion to include other City sites as existing TIBH Industries, Inc. (TIBH) contracts expire. The contractors will provide all equipment, fuel, maintenance, and labor to complete the contract work scope. The contractor will primarily perform mowing and trimming services with environmentally safe equipment and products. In addition, the contractor will also provide other services to promote water conservation efforts.

As part of the City's Green Purchasing Program, TIBH has agreed to use alternative fuel mowers and landscaping equipment at no additional cost. By the end of 2010, TIBH expects that gasoline mowers will no longer be used at any City facilities. Additionally, TIBH has agreed to evaluate and upgrade their landscaping equipment as new low-emissions or alternative fuel technologies become commercially available.

TIBH Industries provides training and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop marketable skills. 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, of the Human Resources Code. Fair market prices are established by the Texas Committee on Purchases and Services of Blind and Severely Disabled Persons.