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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	24414	Agenda Number	50.
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Meeting Date:	May 23, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with FOREVER GREEN, or another qualified bidder to IFB-BV No. OPJ0005, to provide landscaping and irrigation services for Austin Energy's new System Control Center facility, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$21,678 with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$21,678 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$108,390.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$7,226 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining eight months of the original period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Best evaluated bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Oralia Jones, Senior Buyer /512-322-6594
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Boards and Commission Action:	April 15, 2013 – Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide grounds maintenance, mowing, landscaping and sprinkler maintenance and repair services for Austin Energy's new System Control Center (SCC) facility. The contract requirements will provide a consistent standard for landscaping, grounds maintenance and irrigation services to ensure proper and sustainable landscape and lawn care management. The Contractor will be responsible for providing and maintaining all equipment necessary for required maintenance at this location.

The solicitation criteria included sustainability requirements in compliance with Council Resolution No. 20071129-045 and No. 20070215-023 relating to the adoption of sustainable business practices that reduce or eliminate chemical substances and reduce green-house gas emissions. The evaluation criteria considered the operations and equipment used by vendors for grounds maintenance, vegetation control and mowing. The criteria also took into account training and certifications demonstrating the understanding and experience in implementing green gardening principles. Forever Green proposes to utilize new, more environmentally-friendly equipment such as electric weed eaters, blowers, and hedgers and propane-powered mowers in providing services under the contract.

An Austin Energy team with expertise in this area evaluated the bids and unanimously chose this bid as the best to provide these services. Evaluation criteria included cost, proposed equipment, experience, and local business presence.

This request allows for the execution of a contract with the bidder who provides the best value to the City that Council selects. If this bidder does not execute a contract with the City, staff will return to Council so that Council may select another best-value bidder and authorize a contract with this bidder.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/4

MBE/WBE bid: 3/1

BID TABULATION

IFB (Best Value) NO. OPJ0005

Landscaping/Irrigation Services for AE's SCC Building

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL PRICE</u>
Forever Green Austin, TX	\$21,678.00
Great Western Managed Services Corp. Austin, TX	\$23,926.96
Maldonado Nursery & Landscaping Austin, TX	\$26,604.00
Vaquero Commercial Inc. Austin, TX	\$36,734.00
Pampered Lawns Austin, Inc. Austin, TX	\$40,950.00
Longhorn Lawns (DBA Pafford, Inc.) Austin, TX	\$41,610.00
Original DKC Enterprises, LLC.	\$43,045.30

Houston, TX

Advanced Landscape Designs
Austin, TX

\$62,389.92

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition. Forever Green is the not the current provider of these services.
- b. Fifty-six notices were sent including one MBE and one WBE. Eight bids were received, with no response from the MBE /WBE. One "No Bid" reply was received.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.