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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting		Item ID:	34738	Agenda Number	45.
Meeting Date:	August 28, 2014				
Department:	Purchasing				
Subject					
Authorize award and execution of a 29-month requirements service contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative with CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.; ASHBRIIT, INC. DBA ASHBRIIT ENVIRONMENTAL; PHILLIPS AND JORDAN, INC.; AND CROWDERGULF, LLC to provide disaster debris clearance and removal services in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 each and combined, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per extension option each and combined, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 each and combined.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$33,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery Department. Funding for the remaining 20 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.					
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.				
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Jonathan Dalchau, Senior Buyer, 512-974-2938				
Boards and Commission Action:	July 9, 2014 — Recommended by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on a 6-0 vote.				
Related Items:					
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.				

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide the City of Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) Department with multiple vendors to aid the department in cleaning and removal of debris throughout the city in the event of widespread weather damage. An established list of approved vendors and funding allocation will give the ARR department quick access to additional assets and manpower to remove and dispose of debris after major storms as experienced with the Halloween flooding last fall.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) established a disaster debris clearance and removal program to assist end users with an on-call contract that may be activated in the event of debris generated from a disaster. H-GAC has established contracts with seven national firms.

Six of the seven firms on the H-GAC contract responded with proposals for ARR's consideration. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and H-GAC has recommended a primary vendor and several back-up vendors in case the primary vendor is unable to fulfill the City's requirements following a disaster. The primary contract will be awarded to Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. based out of Houston, TX. The recommended backup providers are Ashbritt, Inc., Phillips and Jordan, Inc. and CrowderGulf, LLC.

No funds will be expended under this contract until services are required.