

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	37445	Agenda Number	51.
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Meeting Date:	November 6, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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### Subject

Authorize award and execution of contracts with JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPES in an amount not to exceed \$49,015, SHADES OF GREEN (WBE /FW) in an amount not to exceed \$45,469, CEDAR CREEK FARMS in an amount not to exceed \$24,278, RENNERWOOD, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$9,579, and JAMES LOVERGREN DBA L & L GROWERS in an amount not to exceed \$2,250 to provide landscape trees and seedlings in a total amount not to exceed \$130,591.

### Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Terry Nicholson, Sr. Buyer Specialist, 512-974-2995
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (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 the Urban Forestry division of Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) with shade trees and seedlings for the Fall 2014 planting season. These trees will consist of large caliper inch trees for park and CIP projects and are necessary to meet the increased canopy coverage goals related to Imagine-Austin's Green Infrastructure Priority Program, and the Austin Urban Forest Plan. The seedlings are required for riparian park plantings, which are instrumental in slowing the runoff of rain water into streams and other wetlands. Trees and seedlings purchased through this contract will meet the needs of the PARD's Urban Forestry Program, Planning and Development Review's Austin Community Trees Program, and Watershed Protection's Grow Zone Program.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/5

MBE/WBE bid: 0/1

**BID TABULATION**  
**Landscape Trees and Seedlings**  
**IFB TVN1012**  
**95 line items**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bid</u></b>	<b><u>Award Amount</u></b>
Shades of Green (WBE) Austin, TX	\$175,852.50 (41 of 96)	\$45,468.75
John Deere Landscapes Cleveland, OH	\$67,585.00 (8 of 29)	\$49,015.00
Cedar Creek Farms Cedar Creek, TX	\$60,383.00 (26 of 30)	\$24,278.00
James Lovergren DBA L & L Growers San Benito, TX	\$2,250.00 (2 of 3)	\$2,250.00
Rennerwood, Inc. Tennessee Colony, TX	\$9,579.05 (18 of 18)	\$9,579.05

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

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 75 notices were sent including two MBEs and five WBEs. Five bids were received including no MBEs and one WBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bids.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Parks and Recreation Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.

