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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	56361	Agenda Number	22.
Meeting Date:	April 21, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a 36-month contract with ECOCUTTER to provide grounds maintenance of right of ways, medians, and urban trails in an amount not to exceed \$579,006, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$193,002 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,158,012.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$80,418 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Public Works-Street and Bridge Department. Funding for the remaining 31 months of the original contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid meeting specifications.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Georgia Billela, Buyer II, 512-974-2939			
Boards and Commission Action:				
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontract goals were established.			
Additional Backup Information				
The contract will provide ground maintenance for over 240 acres of City right of ways, medians, and urban trails. The Contractor will provide labor, equipment and supervision for the performance of routine grass mowing and edging. The contract will provide a consistent standard for landscaping and ground maintenance to ensure proper landscape management and lawn care.				
The City intends to reduce green-house gas emissions by promoting the use of clean-burning and alternative fuel powered equipment. The City's Climate Protection team included emissions reduction guidelines within the scope of work which included the use of alternative fuels instead of gasoline in the large engine lawn equipment. Carbon				

emissions will be reduced by approximately 20-40% when compared to gasoline emissions.

The current contract will expire on April 30, 2016. If the City is unable to enter into a contract the City right of ways, medians, and urban trails will not be maintained. At this time the department does not have the capacity necessary to mow the 240 acres.

MBE/WBE solicited: 15/10

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB GLB0042

**Grounds Maintenance for Right of Ways, Medians, and Urban Trails
(10 line items)**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>(Item lines Bid)</u>	<u>Total Award</u> (Item Lines Award)
Ecocutter Cleveland, TX	\$170,248 (10 of 10)	\$170,248 (10 of 10)
DNN Lawncare San Antonio, TX	\$148,223 (2 of 10)	
Daniel's Lawn Care Austin, TX	\$202,831 (2 of 10)	
Pampered Lawns Austin, TX	\$241,337 (10 of 10)	
D-Bar Contractors San Benito, TX	*	
Maldonado Nursery Austin, TX	\$296,256 (10 of 10)	
Greater Texas Landscapes Austin, TX	\$353,066 (10 of 10)	

* Vendor deemed Non-Responsive. They could not meet the time specification required in Scope of Work.

A complete solicitation package, including bid tabulation, is on file with the City's Purchasing Office and is available

on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 277 notices were sent including 15 MBEs and 10 WBEs. Seven bids were received with no response from the MBEs/WBEs. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor, e.g. one vendor may have multiple email addresses/fax numbers.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 6% decrease from the last purchase made November 2009.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Public Works-Street & Bridge Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the internet.