

# POST-DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES CONTRACTORS: CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.; CROWDERGULF, LLC; and DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, LLC SOLICITATION # (RFP 1500 SLW3011)

ZWAC: 11/10/2021

Council: 12/02/2021

## OVERVIEW

### 1. Requested Contract Term, Authorization, and Current Budget

- i** **Length of contract and total authorization:** Three multi-term contracts with a term for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, divided among the contractors. (Authorized Department: Austin Resource Recovery).
- ARR current fiscal year budget:** Funding in the amount of \$833,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### 2. Solicitation Information

- i** # of bids received: 9
- # of non-responsive bids received: 3
- Solicitation No. [RFP 1500 SLW3011](#)
- Length of time solicitation was out on the street: 6.5 weeks
- Was the time extended? Yes
- Issued date: 03/29/2021
- Closed date: 05/13/2021

### 3. Previous/Current Contract Information

- i** Previous contract: N/A This is a new contract.
- Contract number: N/A
- Contract length and authorization: N/A
- Contract actual spend: N/A
- Current status: N/A
- Contract execution date: N/A
- Contract expiration date: N/A

## 4. Notes/Other

**i** The City is preparing for future disasters by entering contracts for post-disaster debris services. The recommended contractors will be eligible to provide post-disaster debris removal and debris disposal services on public property and public rights-of-way (ROW) within the city limits, including the management of the preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation phases of emergency situations or disasters. These contracts are to ensure coverage in the event of a disaster. The work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to clear, remove, load, and haul debris from public ROWs to debris management sites, temporary debris storage and reduction sites, and/or approved landfills.

All work shall follow Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Environmental Protective Agency requirements to maintain a safe working environment. Also, the contractors shall be required to follow Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) practices and guidelines and all other applicable regulations, guidelines, and practices.

Utilizing a debris removal and disposal contractor is a necessary step in the FEMA reimbursement process. The City has worked with DRC Emergency Services, LLC in the past during recovery efforts related to the February 2021 Winter Storm. Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., CrowderGulf, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC are all capable and experienced in providing disaster recovery requirements and meeting FEMA standards.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., CrowderGulf, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC as the best to provide these services based on experience and qualifications, project methodology, management plan scenario, and pricing. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical emergency events.

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$3,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$1,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 yrs.	\$5,000,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

## REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR ZWAC

	Name	Date
Compiled By:	Lisa Mendoza	11/03/2021
Reviewed By:	Brent Paige	11/03/2021
End-user/Contract Manager:	Amy Slagle	

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of three multi-term contracts with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., CrowderGulf, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC, for post-disaster debris removal, each for up to five years for total contracts amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, divided among the contractors.

(Note: 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 services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, the recommended contractors identified subcontracting opportunities).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Resource Recovery.

**Fiscal Note**

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**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1500 SLW3011 for these services. The solicitation issued on March 29, 2021 and it closed on May 13, 2021. Of the nine offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:**

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**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or [sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov](mailto:sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov) or Billy Toler, at 512-974-2054 or [William.toler@austintexas.gov](mailto:William.toler@austintexas.gov).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

November 10, 2021 - To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

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**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.