

BRUSH AND BULK DEBRIS SERVICES CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – CT 1500 22033000474

ZWAC: 05/11/2022

Council: 06/16/2022

OVERVIEW

1. Requested Contract Term, Authorization, and Current Budget

- i** **Length of contract and total authorization:** Contract effective on 4/4/2022 (the date executed by the City and shall remain in effect until the earliest of when the deliverables set forth in the Contract are complete or the City terminates the Contract). Contract not to exceed amount of \$1,195,000. (Authorized Department: Austin Resource Recovery).
ARR current fiscal year budget: Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery.

2. Solicitation Information

- i** Solicitation No: Not Applicable
of bids received: 1 proposal received
of non-responsive bids received:
Length of time solicitation was out on the street:
Was the time extended?
Issued date:
Closed date:

3. Previous/Current Contract Information

- i** Previous contract: No
Contract number: CT 1500 22033000474
Contract length and authorization: Unknown length; authorization \$1,195,000.00
Contract actual spend: Contract services to begin on 5/2/22.
Current status: Active, Contract needed due to staffing shortage due to COVID-related absences and ongoing vacancies.
Contract execution date: 4/4/2022
Contract expiration date: Open until deliverables are completed or terminated by the City.

4. Notes/Other

- i** The contractor, DRC Emergency Services, LLC, provided emergency brush and bulk debris services for the City of Austin, which comprised of hauling and disposal of brush and bulk debris removal from public property and public right-of-way (ROW) within the City limits. The work consisted of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to clear,

remove, load, and haul debris from public ROW areas to debris management sites and approved landfills.

Due to COVID-19 related absences and ongoing vacancies within the department, Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) has suspended collection of bulk and brush routes to dedicate resources to the department's core services, which include trash, recycling, and compost collection. ARR has experienced a sharp increase in several difficult to fill and high-turnover positions. Currently, ARR has an unprecedented number of vacant driving positions and is working with our Human Resources Department to increase driver salaries and become more competitive as an employer.

If brush and bulk removal services continue to remain suspended, the City would see an increase in illegal dumping of materials. This creates health, safety, and wildfire concerns for citizens and the environment as dump sites attract vectors, mosquitoes, and other pests. A lack of brush removal could create an increased wildfire threat to the community.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR ZWAC

	Name	Date
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End-user/Contract Manager:	Amy Slagle	

Posting Language

Ratify a contract with DRC Emergency Services, LLC to provide emergency brush and bulk debris removal services, in the amount of \$1,195,000.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Resource Recovery.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 11, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contractor provided brush and bulk debris removal from public property and public right-of-way (ROW) within the City limits and disposal of the debris. The work consisted of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to clear, remove, load, and haul debris from public ROW areas to debris management sites and approved landfills.

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Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Safety.