



**Purchasing Service Agreement  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 21  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a 12-month service agreement with BROWNING-FERRIS INDUSTRIES WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS-AUSTIN DIVISION, Austin, TX for roll-off containers and disposal services for grit and screenings from wastewater treatment plants for the Austin Water Utility, in an amount not to exceed \$130,440 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$130,440 for each extension, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$391,320.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$65,220 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining six 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.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Austin Water Utility; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** Lowest bid of three bids received.

**MBE / WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (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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This contract establishes a 12-month service agreement with BFI Waste Systems of Texas to provide annual roll-off container and disposal service for grit and screenings. This material is primarily inorganic matter but may contain some organic matter, which is typical with sewage. The roll-off containers will be placed at and/or inside the screening facilities at the following wastewater treatment plants: Walnut Creek, South Austin Regional, and Hornsby Bend. The material in the containers will be removed periodically and disposed of at BFI Sunset Farms Landfill located at 9912 Giles Lane. The contractor will transport and dispose of the material in accordance with all TCEQ, EPA and TxDot Regulations.

Pursuant to City Council directive, the Director of Solid Waste Services and the Assistant Director of Treatment from the Austin Water Utility met with neighborhood representatives to discuss concerns about odor and grit hauling. The neighborhood representatives were satisfied with the information presented by City staff. This contract will establish regular monthly disposal service to allow the Austin Water Utility to comply with environmental and public health requirements.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION**  
IFB No. SA05300016  
(Three Wastewater Treatment Plants)

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
<b>BFI Waste Services of Texas Austin, TX</b>	<b>\$130,440.00</b>
Texas Disposal Systems Inc. Austin, TX	\$159,340.80
TAS Environmental Services LP Fort Worth, TX	\$280,512.00

A complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- Adequate Competition.
- Seven bids were sent including four MBEs. There were no WBE firms listed under this service.
- In comparison to the previous contract awarded in December 2003, the total contract amount represents a 17% increase in cost to the City. This can be attributed to the rising and unstable fuel market.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- Low bidder.
- The Austin Water Utility concurs with this recommendation.
- Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and the Internet.