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Purchasing Service Agreement RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Sublect: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements contract with BIOGARDENER, Austin, TX, for landscaping services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$93,430, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$93,430 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$467.150.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$31,143 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining eight 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.

Additional Backup Material (click to open) D BIOGARDNER BID TAB For More Information: Karen Williams, Buyer II/322-6467 Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two 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.

This contract will provide for labor, equipment, and supervision to perform comprehensive landscape services at the following Austin Energy locations: St. Elmo Service Center, Kramer Lane Service Center Buildings C & D, Kramer Lane Service Center Building E and Energy Control Center. The contract requirements provide a consistent standard for landscaping, ground maintenance, and irrigation services to ensure landscape and lawn care management. The Contractor will be responsible for providing and maintaining all equipment necessary for proper maintenance at each location. In accordance with the City's intent to reduce emissions by promoting the use of cleaner-burning, reduced emission powered equipment, these services will be performed with a combination of electric, battery, gasoline, propane, and biodiesel powered equipment.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 12/2 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-three notices were sent including 12 MBEs and 2 WBEs. Ten solicitations were issued. Two bids were received with no MBEs/WBEs responding.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type combining irrigation and landscape services for these locations, therefore there is no pricing history available.

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APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
 c. Advertised on the Internet.

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AGENDA DATE: 052506

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

VENDOR NAME: BIOGARDENER

BID TABULATION
Landscaping Services at AE Sites

VENDOR TOTAL PRICE

BIOGARDENER \$ 93,430

AUSTIN, TX

Valleycrest Landscape \$135,830

Austin, TX

Bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office.