

AGENDA



Thursday, August 19, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with TEXAS BIRD SERVICES, DBA POWER PEST ELIMINATION, INC., Arlington, TX to provide migratory and stationary bird control and bird and bat removal services for the Austin Convention Center Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$180,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$60,000 for each extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$360,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$10,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding for the remaining 34 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.

For More Information: Aiden Cohen, Senior Buyer, 972-4008

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated bid of four bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 services to control migratory and stationary birds in downtown Austin, including the areas surrounding the Austin Convention Center and Palmer Events Center, ensuring the number of birds roosting within the target areas remain small enough that bird residue, noise, and odors are minimized.

The contractor will provide between three and six technicians, working seven days a week at sunset and again at sunrise, to monitor birds and use non-harmful techniques to abate their roosting. Non-hazardous techniques used may include startle devices, avian dissuaders, and repellant gels. This contract also allows for non-lethal bird and bat trapping and removal services.

In order to determine the best value to the City, evaluation criteria included the overall cost for bird control services, company experience, methods to be employed; and company location.

MBE/WBE solicited: 5/7 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Eighty-six notices were sent, including five MBEs and seven WBEs. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered reflects a 15% decrease from the last contract award in December 2008. The decrease is the result of a reduction in the service area for which bird control services are required.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated bid of four bids received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Convention Center Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.