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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	55883	Agenda Number	37.
Meeting Date:	March 31, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a 24-month contract with GRUENE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANIES, LP, or one of the other qualified offeror to Request for Proposal NST0409, for the purchase of environmental spill response services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,280,000, with three 12-month extension options, in an amount not to exceed \$640,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is in the amount of \$106,666 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 18 months of the initial contract period and extensions options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Best evaluated proposal from the current provider.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Nicole Turner, Senior Buyer Supervisor, 512-322-6586			
Boards and Commission Action:	March 21, 2016 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0-1 vote with Commissioner Norris absent.			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	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 goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			
Additional Backup Information				

The contract is for the purchase of environmental spill response services. These services include emergency and non-emergency response, clean-up, and restoration services for hazardous and non-hazardous oil and chemical spills. This contract enables Austin Energy to meet all regulatory requirements set forth by local, state, and federal environmental regulatory agencies. This necessary support service, such as immediate spill response, ensures that professional crews are ready to respond to spills anywhere in the Austin Energy service area.

The most common type of spill requiring such service is oil from a transformer. Some reasons that a transformer may leak include degradation of the metal in the form of rust, failure of a gasket and/or bushing, or impact by a moving vehicle. This contract protects the customer's property and the City's property from environmental impacts due to equipment failures and accidents. Clean-up measures and techniques that comply with all state and federal regulations will be performed by experienced, trained, and accredited personnel. This ensures the utility is safely handling and cleaning hazardous chemicals and spills associated with high voltage electrical equipment.

An Austin Energy evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the proposals and rated this proposal as the best to provide these services. Evaluation criteria used to evaluate the proposals included technical solution, experience and qualifications, cost, and local business presence.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease and staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected.

A complete solicitation package, including a response list, is on file with the City's Purchasing Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 49 notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBE firms for this commodity code. Three proposals were received. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor, e.g., one vendor may have multiple email addresses/fax numbers.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office recommends contract award consistent with the evaluation committee.
- c. Advertised on the internet.