

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: May 10, 2018

Item Number: **034**

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Power Pest Corp D/B/A Texas Bird Services to provide bird and bat control services for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$465,000. (Note: 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 services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$34,583 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding in the amount of \$4,167 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Building Services Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 8200 MMO0126 for these services. The solicitation issued on January 22, 2018 and it closed on February 15, 2018. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=123488> .
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov < mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov >

	NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Marian Moore, at 512-974-2062 or Marian.Moore@austintexas.gov or Erika Larsen, at 512-974-3127 or Erika.Larsen@austintexas.gov .
Client Department(s)	Austin Convention Center Department; Building Services Department.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide migratory stationary bird control services as well as bird and bat removal services. The goal of the bird control services program is to reduce the number of birds roosting within service areas in order to minimize bird residue, odor, and noise at facilities operated by Austin Convention Center Department (ACCD) and Building Services Department (BSD). ACCD operates facilities requiring regular migratory and stationary bird control services including the Austin Convention Center and the Palmer Events Center. The service area for the Austin Convention Center is approximately 27 square blocks and the service area for the Palmer Events Center covers the center, its parking garages as well as the grounds. BSD facilities will require services on an as-needed basis.

The contractor will provide services seven days a week 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. The contract also allows for non-lethal bird and bat trapping and removal.

The contract will replace a previous contract, which expired on September 6, 2017. Spot purchases have been made to procure these services in the interim. The requested authorization amount is based on pricing submitted for monthly and as-needed services and factors in a small annual increase to account for future needs.

A contract is needed to ensure a positive experience for guests and clients of ACCD facilities, decrease potential health risks, and ensure effective management for potential infestations of birds and bats at other City facilities. If the City is unable to secure a contract, departments will continue to procure these services on an as-needed basis, which may result in higher prices and operational costs.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$279,000

Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 93,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 93,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$465,000

Note:Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.