

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: May 24, 2018

Item Number: 025

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Underwater Construction Corporation, to provide underwater inspection and maintenance diving services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,060,500. (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 \$70,700 available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Water. 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) 2200 GLB0071 for these services. The solicitation issued on March 5, 2018 and it closed on March 27, 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=124369> .
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

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	May 9, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 10-1 vote with Commissioner Penn absent.
Client Department(s)	Austin Water.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for diving services to be used at Austin Water's five water treatment facilities and Longhorn Dam. The diving services are to inspect each facility to determine the general condition of the structures and assess the level of zebra mussel infestation, remove zebra mussels as needed, open and close intake structures, and complete minor repairs. The ability to open and close intake structures is important to respond to changes in water quality and in the lake level. The zebra mussels can reduce or eliminate a plant's ability to treat water and cause significant equipment damage if they are not removed.

The current contract will expire on June 7, 2018. The requested authorization amounts for the contract were determined using historical spending and departmental estimates, including extending diving services to multiple sites due to the recent infestation of zebra mussels in Lake Travis and Lake Austin and Austin Water's recent takeover of Longhorn Dam operations.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the department would be forced to procure these services on an as-needed basis which could potentially result in higher prices and equipment failures.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length	Contract of Term Authorization
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 424,200
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 212,100
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 212,100
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 212,100

TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$1,060,500
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Note:Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.