



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1648, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

5/23/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Summitt Forests, Inc., to provide juniper cutting services at the water quality protection lands, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000.

(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.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$33,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 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 DCM1001 for these services. The solicitation issued on February 11, 2019 and closed on March 5, 2019. Of the five 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/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=129772.

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 Person: Diana McIntosh, at 512-974-2034 or

diana.mcintosh@austintexas.gov <<mailto:diana.mcintosh@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 8, 2019 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Parton, Fisher and Castleberry absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide juniper cutting services for Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands. The cutting is required to meet the goals of restoring these selected lands to grassland and savanna ecosystems. This type

of service will help to yield optimal water quantity and quality to recharge the Edwards Aquifer and provide sustained flow to Barton Springs, which are the primary goals of the program. The land management plan that directs these practices and goals was approved by Council on December 13, 2012, Resolution No. 20121213-003.

The previous contract expired September 14, 2018. The requested authorization amount was determined using estimates of historical spend and increased scope of services. The recommended contractor was not the previous provider for these services.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$200,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$100,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$100,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$100,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$500,000

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