



**Purchasing Service Agreement  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of two 12-month service agreements with TEXAS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED, Austin, TX, for property cleaning services for the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS): 1) Code Compliance Division-enforcement activities in amount not to exceed \$247,230, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$247,230 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$741,690; and 2) Code Compliance Division-Property Abatement Programs in an amount not to exceed \$229,850, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$229,850 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$689,550.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$159,027 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding for the remaining eight 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.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Solid Waste Services; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** R. C. Hernandez, Senior Buyer/974-6434

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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.

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These agreements are recommended for award to Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped (TIBH) to provide property cleaning services for two program activities within the Solid Waste Services Department's (SWS) Code Compliance Division.

One agreement will allow the SWS Code Compliance Division to obtain property cleaning services under its code enforcement activities on private property. The contract involves the cleaning of illegal dump sites and the mowing of high vegetation areas on neglected private properties.

The second agreement will provide for the maintenance of City-owned rights-of-way in locations where it is unreasonable to require adjacent property owners to maintain them. Maintenance involves mowing, trash removal, and tire disposal. In addition, this contract will create a mechanism to maintain neglected City-owned properties such as vacant lots.

The need for these services is a result of the SWS Code Compliance Division taking a more aggressive/attentive approach to citizen requests concerning code violations on private properties. A



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more aggressive approach to the remediation of code violations is required due to the following:

- Transient camp and drug house abatements are coordinated with APD and usually have large amounts of debris to be removed.
- New procedures to address and remove curbside and alley violations.
- Recent winter vacant property surveys have also contributed to this increase.
- Customer requests for property cleaning services have increased from 7,000 in 2002-2003 to 8,000 in 2003-2004.
- Increased public pressure to maintain City-owned property, especially along Austin roadways.

These services have been contracted through TIBH since 1995 and SWS has been satisfied with their performance and responsiveness.

TIBH is certified by the State Legislature to provide products and services, without competitive bidding, to the State and its political subdivisions in compliance with Chapter 122, Title 8, Human Resources Code. Fair market prices are established by the Texas Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of Blind and Severely Disabled Persons.