



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1985, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

7/23/2026

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for floodplain reforestation services for Austin Watershed Protection with Siglo Group LLC d/b/a Siglo Group, for an initial term of one year with up to four 1-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000. Funding: \$250,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Watershed Protection from the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Watershed Protection.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget Austin Watershed Protection from the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund.

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Procurement Language:

Austin Financial Services issued a Request for Proposals solicitation RFP 6300 EAB3010 for these services. The solicitation was published on March 9, 2026, and closed on April 14, 2026. Of the three offers received, the proposal submitted by the recommended contractor represented best value to the City based on the solicitation's evaluation criteria. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=143584.

MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with the City Code Chapter 2-9B (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.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide floodplain reforestation services on publicly managed land within eastern Travis County's Blackland Prairie ecoregion, targeting a minimum of 10 acres per year using a diverse palette of native woody species. The contractor will source and plant native woody saplings and seeds, conduct bilingual

community outreach, and coordinate volunteer planting events through the City's Ready, Set, Plant! program. These services support Austin Watershed Protection's mission to reduce flooding, erosion, and water pollution by restoring critical floodplain functions including pollutant filtration, bank stabilization, and carbon sequestration along Austin's creek corridors.

This is a new contract in alignment with the City's Climate Equity Action Plan and the Citywide Strategic Plan's Community Health and Sustainability Measure 3, which emphasizes the protection of Austin's natural resources, ecological systems, and long-term climate resilience. The recommended Contractor has provided similar services to the City in the past as well as other municipalities. The requested authorization amount was determined based on department estimates and the Contractor's proposal.

An evaluation team with expertise in land management and restoration evaluated the offers and scored Siglo Group LLC d/b/a Siglo Group as the best to provide these services based on experience and personnel qualifications, reforestation program concept and approach, outreach, engagement and reporting approach, price, local business preference, and small business preference.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, Austin Watershed Protection will be unable to reduce flooding, erosion, and water pollution in critical floodplains.

Contract Details:		
Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	3 years	\$750,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$250,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$250,000
Total	5 years	\$1,250,000

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