



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 26-1259, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

3/26/2026

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize a contract for aquatic vegetation maintenance in wet ponds for Austin Watershed Protection with Environmental Survey Inc. d/b/a Environmental Survey Consulting for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000. Funding: \$210,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Watershed Protection. 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 \$210,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Watershed Protection.

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### **Procurement Language:**

Austin Financial Services issued a Request for Proposals solicitation RFP 6300 MAS3007 for these services. The solicitation was published on October 20, 2025, and closed on December 2, 2025. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of the offer 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=142945](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=142945).

### **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 service 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](mailto: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 specialized aquatic vegetation control at the City's wet ponds, which are designed to capture and hold stormwater runoff. They allow for the settling of suspended solids and removal of pollutants, keeping them out of the local waterways and recharge zones. The specialized maintenance will assist in ensuring that each wet pond is in compliance with the City's Environmental Criteria Manual, dam maintenance

policies and procedures, and wet pond Integrated Pest Management plan.

This contract is replacing a contract expiring April 26, 2026. The requested authorization amounts for the contract were determined using departmental estimates and historical spending. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these services.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Environmental Survey Inc d/b/a Environmental Survey Consulting as the best to provide these services based on offeror experience, personnel, program and approach, price, and small and local business preference.

If the contract is not approved, the ponds will accumulate debris, excessive vegetation, and invasive plants; will not filter stormwater runoff as designed; and will fall out of compliance with the City's watershed maintenance policies.

<b>Contract Details:</b>		
<b>Contract Term</b>	<b>Length of Term</b>	<b>Contract Authorization</b>
Initial Term	3 years	\$1,260,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$420,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$420,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>\$2,100,000</b>

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