



Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 22-5170      **Version:** 1      **Name:**  
**Type:** Contract - Renewal      **Status:** Passed  
**File created:** 8/17/2022      **In control:** Commissioners Court  
**On agenda:** 9/13/2022      **Final action:** 9/13/2022  
**Title:** Request for approval of a renewal option with Environmental Southwest for tree planting and maintenance services for the Flood Control District for the period of December 1, 2022 - November 30, 2023 at a cost of \$1,255,891, and for the County Clerk to execute any applicable bonds to be received (210352).

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:**

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/13/2022	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** Purchasing

**Department Head/Elected Official:** DeWight Dopslauf

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Contract - Renewal

**Project ID:** 210352

**Job No.:** 210352

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name:** Environmental Southwest

**MWDBE Contracted Goal** (if applicable): N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation** (if applicable): 10%

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of a renewal option with Environmental Southwest for tree planting and maintenance services for the Flood Control District for the period of December 1, 2022 - November 30, 2023 at a cost of \$1,255,891, and for the County Clerk to execute any applicable bonds to be received (210352).

**Background and Discussion:** The District plants between 12,000 and 15,000 trees annually on District rights-of-way across Harris County. Trees are planted to fulfill construction permitting and mitigation requirements on District projects. The District has planted more than 300,000 trees over the past 20 years of this program.

**Expected Impact:** Approval of this contract renewal will allow the District to continue to plant and maintain 12,000 and 15,000 trees each year. Trees provide community-wide benefits including reducing air and noise pollution, water conservation and wildlife protection and increase the beauty of urban areas. Trees also reduce mowing maintenance by shading out undesirable fast-growing weeds and help reduce erosion while also improving water infiltration and reducing storm water run-off.

**Alternative Options:** Alternative options include choosing not to continue the tree planting program. The District would have to pursue alternative methods to plant the trees required for the permitting and mitigation of projects. This includes the hiring of additional personnel and the purchase of equipment to complete these projects.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
11/30/2021	216	Approved award term of 12/01/2021 - 11/30/2022

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

<b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>			
Service Name	Tree Planting and Maintenance Services for the Harris County Flood Control District		
	<b>SFY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>Next 3 FYs</b>
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$1,167,500.00	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	\$	\$1,167,500.00	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date: September 13, 2022**

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): December 01, 2022**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** John Watson, Manager, FMT. Nicolas Griffin, Tree Planting Program Manager, FMT; Lyndsey Bars, Senior Buyer, Purchasing

**Attachments** (if applicable): Letter