



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2304, **Version:** 1

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Renewal

Project ID (if applicable): 220435

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): EarthBalance Corporation

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): 10%

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): 2.9%

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal is not 0% and is listed above

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of a renewal option with EarthBalance Corporation for wetland design, creation and planting for the Flood Control District for the period of June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025, at a cost of \$470,000, and for the County Clerk to execute any applicable bonds to be received (220435), MWDBE Contracted Goal: 10%, MWDBE Current Participation: 2.9%.

Background and Discussion:

Wetland Design, Creation and Planting to support Harris County Flood Control District with site stabilization, revegetation, water quality, and habitat enhancement as it applies to district operations and CIP projects. This contract is utilized to harvest and install wetland vegetation along littoral zones of wet bottom detention and channel facilities. It is also utilized to conduct varying vegetation clearing, and invasive species control, including herbicide when applicable. To perform maintenance on newly installed vegetation areas, nursery areas, and some mitigation banking areas where they overlap. Additionally, the contract is utilized to support Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System compliance through planting support for new and ongoing special projects.

Expected Impact:

Allows Harris County Flood Control District to correctly time (planting season) the revegetation of Right-of-ways, which are disturbed by repairs or capital improvements and would require the reestablishment of native and desirable riparian zone vegetation.

This term contract will help HCFCDD and Harris County meet Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements by allowing the District to engage in Best Management Practices (BMPs) that treat the pollutant of concern bacteria.

Alternative Options:

Request individual bids for wetland design, creation, and planting on a project-by-project basis, which would create inconsistent results and affect MS4 permit compliance. This would also affect the Flood Control District's ability to quickly address planting needs with less efficiency afforded by a term contract.

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
12/13/2022	399	Advertisement approved for 12/9, 12/16, 12/23 and 12/30
04/25/2023	227	Award approved for term 06/01/2023 - 05/31/2024

Location: N/A

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name	Wetland Design, Creation and Planting for the Harris County Flood Control District			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
1000 - General Fund	\$430,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$470,000.00	\$470,000.00
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$430,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$470,000.00	\$470,000.00
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$

Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 04/23/2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): 06/01/2024

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

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Attachments (if applicable): Letter