



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 6

**Agenda Date:** December 6, 2021

**In Control:** Audit and Accountability Committee Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Pre-Solicitation High Profile Item for Land Acquisition Assistance for Edwards Aquifer Protection Program

**SUMMARY:**

The Parks and Recreation Department will present a pre-solicitation briefing for Land Acquisition Services for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. This briefing will allow an opportunity for input from Committee members.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The pre-solicitation briefing will cover the estimated contract value, projected timeline, high profile designation, scope of work, terms of the contract, proposed scoring criteria, evaluation committee members, project considerations, local preference program applicability, veteran-owned small business preference program applicability and SBEDA Program requirements.

The City of San Antonio's Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP) has historically entered into contracts with land trusts to assist in acquiring properties and conservation easements in order to fulfill the EAPP's mission of protecting Edwards Aquifer recharge quality and quantity

for the citizens of San Antonio. This solicitation will seek proposals from qualified land trusts and governmental entities to continue assisting the EAPP with acquisition of conservation easements and properties located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones. Assistance will include initiating contact with potential landowners, negotiating easement terms in coordination with EAPP staff and City Attorneys Office, coordinating due diligence, providing presentations of projects to the Conservation Advisory Board, and assisting the Scientific Evaluation Team with updating the EAPP GIS spatial model, which is used to rank properties within the target area.

Prior solicitations for these services were issued in 2011 and 2016; City Council awarded Professional Services Agreements to The Nature Conservancy and Bexar Land Trust d/b/a Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas following both solicitations. The current agreements will expire upon EAPP's expenditure of the remaining balance of the 2015 Proposition 1 funding program, which is anticipated to occur in early Fiscal Year 2023. The new agreement(s) awarded through this proposed solicitation would commence in FY 2023 with the 10-year, \$100 Million funding program through the San Antonio Municipal Facilities Corporation, which was approved by City Council in September 2020.

**ISSUE:**

For briefing purposes only

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

For briefing purposes only.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

For briefing purposes only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For briefing purposes only.