

# City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: April 27, 2022

In Control: Audit and Accountability Committee Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

# COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

# **SUBJECT:**

Post-Solicitation High Profile item for Land Acquisition Assistance with Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

# SUMMARY:

The City of San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department (Parks) solicited Statements of Qualifications from qualified land trusts or governmental entities interested in providing land acquisition assistance for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

On September 17, 2020, the San Antonio City Council authorized the continuation of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program through a 10-year, \$100 Million funding program through the San Antonio Municipal Facilities Corporation to continue acquiring and preserving land or interests in land within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones, both inside and outside Bexar County.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On January 21, 2022, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released for Land Acquisition Assistance for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. The estimated total aggregate contract value is \$1,750,000.00 for an initial contract term of 3 years with 2, 1-year renewal options.

The RFQ was advertised in the San Antonio Express-News, TVSA channel, the City's Bidding & Contracting Opportunities website, the San Antonio e-Procurement System (SAEPS) and an email notification was released to a list of potential Respondents. Responses were due on March 7, 2022. A total of two (2) firms responded to the RFQ and were deemed eligible for review. On March 29, 2022, both submittals were reviewed by the evaluation committee members which included representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department, the Conservation Advisory Board, the San Antonio River Authority and the Edwards Aquifer Authority. The submittals were evaluated and scored on Background, Experience and Qualifications of Prime Firm, Key Personnel and Key Sub-Consultants including Co-Respondent, Joint Venture Party or Partner (40 points); Proposed Management Plan (40 points); Team's Experience with San Antonio Region Issues & Past Experience with City of San Antonio contracts (20 points).

The evaluation committee recommends both responses for contract award.

The contract includes a total aggregate value up to \$1,750,000.00 between the two recommended firms.

This item is anticipated to be scheduled for Council consideration on May 19, 2022.

Contracts are anticipated to commence on January 1, 2023.

## **ISSUE:**

For briefing purposes only

## FISCAL IMPACT:

For briefing purposes only

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval to proceed with scheduling two contracts for City Council consideration to provide land acquisition assistance services for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program for an estimated total aggregate value of up to \$1.75 million with contract terms of 3 years with 2, 1-year renewal options.