



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
April 11, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Purchase: Weed Abatement and Debris Removal Services

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution: 1) approving the specifications of Bid No. B061187076; 2) accepting the lowest responsible bids received for weed abatement and debris removal services; and 3) awarding contracts to the following vendors: S & L Enterprises/Zavala's Landscaping in an amount not to exceed \$125,000; Cordell's Weed Abatement in an amount not to exceed \$225,000; and Hedmeck's Ag Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$386,000 per contract year.

**Contact:** Russell Van Vuren, Prevention Administrative Captain, 433-1622  
Barbara Collins, Program Analyst, 808-7432

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Fire

**Division:** Fire Prevention

**Organization No:** 2521

**Summary:**

The City of Sacramento Fire Department is in need of weed abatement and debris removal services in compliance with the City's Weed and Rubbish Abatement Program. Through this program, the City contracts with approved vendors to abate potential hazards in those cases where the property owner has received adequate notice, but failed to abate the property. For this particular solicitation, the City Clerk received five sealed bids for the provision of weed abatement and debris removal services citywide. Attachment 1 lists bid totals and related information for each bid submitted. Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution approving the specifications of the bid and awarding contracts to:



S & L Enterprises/Zavala's Landscaping, 6073 – 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95822, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000; Cordell's Weed Abatement, 2931 Silk Court, Sacramento, CA 95822, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000; and Hedmeck's Ag Assistance, P.O. Box 653, Orangevale, CA 95662, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$386,000 per contract year. The duration of each contract is one year, with the option to renew up to four additional one-year periods. The potential five-year total of these contracts is \$1,930,000.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None

**Background Information:**

- The City's Weed and Rubbish Abatement Program, administered by the City of Sacramento Fire Department, was established in 1972 to ensure the timely removal of weeds and rubbish from private property within the City limits. (Sacramento City Code, Chapter 8.28, Weed and Rubbish Abatement).
- The City awards contracts to vendors for performance of these services when private landowners fail, following adequate notice, to remove weeds or rubbish from their property. Failure to abate properties as required poses a potential fire hazard to the community.
- Work orders for weed and rubbish abatement services are issued to contractors whenever such services are deemed necessary by the City Fire Department.
- Work orders for services are issued to one or more contractors based on their bid ranking, scope of work, personnel availability, and equipment availability and capability.
- Since the program's inception in 1972, the City has awarded contracts for the discing or mowing of weeds and removal of rubbish and debris for approximately 2,000 privately owned parcels.

**Financial Considerations:**

Costs of weed abatement and debris removal services performed for the City's Weed and Rubbish Abatement Program are fully recoverable from private property owners. In addition, the City charges private property owners a fee (currently \$110.00 ) that helps offset the administrative and inspection costs of the Weed Abatement Program.

**Environmental Considerations:**

The City's Environmental Services Manager has determined that weed abatement and/or debris removal services are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15301(h) of the CEQA Guidelines, as these services involve the maintenance of existing facilities. In the event the Weed Abatement Officer detects a potentially sensitive area, the condition will be reported to the Environmental Services Division for direction. Abatement will be

suspended at that location until instruction is provided. This process is similar to the approach taken when potentially hazardous materials are located at an abatement site.


**Policy Considerations:**


This recommendation is consistent with City requirements for competitive bidding as detailed in Sacramento City Code 3.56 and the requirements as detailed in Chapter 8.28 for Weed and Rubbish Abatement. It is also consistent with the City Council goal of enhancing and preserving neighborhoods.

The Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) and the Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) are applicable to these contracts. Signed Declarations of Compliance are on file in the Procurement Services office.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

Invitations for Bid (IFBs) were sent to 30 vendors, 13 of which were certified Emerging/Small Business Enterprises (ESBEs). One of the three firms recommended for award, Cordell's Weed Abatement, is certified E/SBE firm.

Reviewed/Approved by:   
Chris Stewart  
Procurement Services Manager

Approved by:   
Julius J. Cherry Fire Chief  
Sacramento Fire Department

Recommendation Approved:


  
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**BID NO. B061187076 – WEED ABATEMENT AND DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES**

Bidder	Bid Total	5% E/SBE Preference	Prompt Payment Discount	1% City Tax Preference	Evaluation Total
S & L Enterprises/Zavala's Landscaping	\$303,090	None	None	None	\$303,090
Cordell's Weed Abatement	\$322,600	<\$16,130>	None	None	\$306,470
Hedmeck's Ag Assistance	\$553,200	None	None	None	\$553,200
American Civil Constructors	\$563,660	None	None	None	\$563,660
Innovative Maintenance Solutions, Inc (IMS)	\$1,934,660	None	None	None	\$1,934,660

**Recommend Award of Contract To:**

S & L Enterprises/Zavala's Landscaping  
6073 – 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95822

**Total Amount of Award:** \$125,000  
**Total Bid Amount:** \$303,090

Cordell's Weed Abatement  
2931 Silk Court  
Sacramento, CA 95822

**Total Amount of Award:** \$225,000  
**Total Bid Amount:** \$322,600

Hedmeck's Ag Assistance  
P.O. Box 653  
Orangevale, CA 95662

**Total Amount of Award:** \$36,000  
**Total Bid Amount:** \$553,200

**Using Department:**

Fire Department, Weed Abatement

**Original Estimated Cost:** \$350,000

**Bid Due Date:** March 8, 2006

Total No. of Bids Solicited

30

No. of E/SBE Bids Solicited

13

No. of E/SBE Responses

1<sup>(1)</sup>

Award to E/SBE Vendor?

YES

<sup>(1)</sup>S & L Enterprises/Zavala's Landscaping was certified as an E/SBE after bids were received.

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **PURCHASE WEED ABATEMENT AND DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$386,000**

#### **BACKGROUND**

A. The City's Weed and Rubbish Abatement Program, administered by the City of Sacramento Fire Department, was established in 1972 to ensure the timely removal of weeds and rubbish from private property within the City limits (Sacramento City Code, Chapter 8.28, Weed and Rubbish Abatement).

B. The City contracts with vendors for performance of these services when private landowners fail, following adequate notice, to remove weeds or rubbish from their property. Failure to abate properties as required poses a potential hazard to the community.

C. When weed and rubbish abatement services are deemed necessary by the City Fire Department, work orders are issued to one or more contractors based on their bid ranking, scope of work, personnel and equipment availability and capability.

D. It is recommended that contracts for weed abatement services be awarded to: S & L Enterprises/Zavala's Landscaping, 6073 – 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95822, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000; Cordell's Weed Abatement, 2931 Silk Court, Sacramento, CA 95822, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000; and Hedmeck's Ag Assistance, P.O. Box 653, Orangevale, CA 95662, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$386,000 per contract year.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Specifications of Bid No. B061187076 for Weed Abatement and Debris Removal Services are hereby adopted.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to issue contracts to: S & L Enterprises/Zavala's Landscaping in an amount not to exceed \$125,000; Cordell's Weed Abatement in an amount not to exceed \$225,000; and Hedmeck's Ag Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$386,000 per contract year.