

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-55**

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("CTRMA") was created pursuant to the request of Travis and Williamson Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.01, *et. seq.* (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA identified the proposed 183-A Turnpike Project as its initial project in the petition filed under the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that the landscape and aesthetic character of the 183-A Turnpike Project is an important component of the project design; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (the "Wildflower Center") is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the natural beauty and biological richness of North America by conserving and restoring wildflowers, native plants, and the biological communities on which they depend; and

WHEREAS, the Wildflower Center provides landscape consulting services to private and public land owners with an emphasis on the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to enter into an agreement with the Wild Flower Center for the provision of landscape planning services for portions of the 183-A Turnpike Project, as reflected in the scope of work attached hereto as Attachment "A".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves entry into an agreement with the Wildflower Center for the provision of landscape planning services for portions of the 183-A Turnpike Project; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute such an agreement on behalf of the CTRMA.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 27th day of September, 2006.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
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Tom Nielson  
General Counsel for the Central  
Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Approved:

  
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Robert E. Tesch  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Resolution Number 06-55  
Date Passed 09/27/06

**Highway 183A, Williamson County, Texas**  
**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**  
**Scope of Work**  
**7/21/2006**

**Task 1: Seasonal wildflower meadow design**

Work with HNTB and their sub-consultants to design a series of meadows along and within the Right-Of-Way of Highway 183A. Through seed selection and various management strategies, these meadows will be managed to produce a wildflower display in either the spring, summer, or fall. For each meadow, seed type, seed quantity, installation method, and both initial (1- 3 years) and long term (3+ years) maintenance will be specified.

**Task 2: Assessment of rapid revegetation using native plants**

Working with HNTB and the design-build contractors for 183A, identify appropriate locations to test native seed mixes and application techniques for rapid revegetation. This test will provide a large scale test of pilot research already conducted by the Wildflower Center in south Austin (Tinsley et al. 2006), and will ascertain its applicability on a large scale. The Wildflower Center will specify seed mixes, application measures, oversee installation, conduct vegetation surveys at 30 days, 90 days, and 180 days post installation, and provide a brief written report of the results at each of these sampling periods. After 180 days, the Wildflower Center will create a summary report which will analyze the data, and make recommendations for how the result could be applied to future roadside stabilization projects.

**Task 3: Project promotion**

Working with CTRMA and HNTB, promote and publicize the project and its environmental, economic, and aesthetic benefits.

**Basis of Compensation**

	<b>Cost</b>
Task One – Seasonal wildflower meadow design	\$30,000
Task Two – Rapid revegetation using native plants	\$15,000
Task Three – Project promotion	<u>No Charge</u>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

These costs do not include mileage or other incidental reimbursable costs. Invoices for basic services shall be made on a monthly basis. The client will be billed for the work completed in the previous 30 days. The client is responsible for making payments to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center net twenty (20) days of receipt of the invoice.

**Additional Services**

Services not included in the above project scope may be requested as need. For additional services, compensation will be billed according to the following hourly rates:

## Staff & Rates

<b>Director/Ecologist</b>	Dr. Steve Windhager	\$130/hour
<b>Ecologist</b>	Dr. Mark Simmons	\$110/hour
<b>Environmental Designer</b>	Heather Venhaus	\$85/hour
<b>Project Manager</b>	Jeannine Tinsley	\$65/hour
<b>Land Management Staff</b>		\$40/hr
<b>Mileage</b>		\$0.54/mile

These rates are subject to periodic adjustments.

In addition to hourly rates, all reimbursable expenses including, but not limited to, sub-consultant fees, travel expenses, photocopying, and supplies will be charged at cost.

## Project Cancellation

Either party may cancel the contract without cause with written notice. The consultant is entitled to payment for any supplies that cannot be returned or for services rendered up to the date of cancellation.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on this exciting project. Please call us with any questions or needed changes.

Sincerely,



Steve Windhager, Ph.D.  
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

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Proposal accepted

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Date