

AGENDA



Thursday, May 24, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 26**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with KINLOCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC., Arlington, TX, for the purchase of four tow-behind sand spreaders in an amount not to exceed \$74,660.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

Purchasing Language: Sole bid received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of four replacement tow-behind, traction-driven material spreaders that will be assigned to the Street & Bridge Division of the Public Works Department. These units are pulled behind trucks to spread materials on icy road surfaces to improve vehicular traction.

These spreaders are towed behind dump trucks filled with traction material. As the traction material is applied to the road surface, the hopper is refilled by a continuous flow of material from the dump truck body. They require no fuel because the spreader mechanism is driven by the traction of the wheels as they come into contact with the road surface.

These spreaders are unique to the industry because they have the capability of spreading material while traveling in reverse as well as forward. This feature is of critical importance in Austin due to the challenge of sanding the very steep hills in the western portion of the City. The reverse feature allows the truck to drive backwards up the hill as the sand provides traction to its wheels.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bidder.
- b. Six notices were sent. There are no MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity. One bid was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 5% increase to the last purchase made in January 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Public Works Department's recommended award.
- b. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.