Thursday, June 21, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 84

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with ATLAS COPCO COMPTEC INC. Voorheesville, NY, for the purchase of Atlas Copco blower repair parts for the Austin Water Utility's South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$71,327.00

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

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 various repair parts needed to repair the Atlas Copco Blower No. 2 at the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAR WWTP). SAR WWTP is rated to treat 75 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater with three trains each rated at 25 MGD. Blower No. 2 is one of five blowers and it is essential for maintaining proper treatment of wastewater for two of the trains.

The blowers provide air required in the aeratio process that helps maintain the right balance of microbes to digest the wastewater. Repair of this blower is critical for reliability in maintaining full treatment capacity.

These are original replacement parts that are solely manufactured and distributed by Atlas Copco. The parts are to be used in the repair of the Atlas Copco Compressor Model GT-30010. All repairs will be made by City staff at the facility with assistance from the manufacturer. The No. 2 Blower is 21 years old and the cost to replace it would be approximately \$1,000,000. The last time these parts were purchased and repairs were made to this unit was in 1998.

Atlas Copco Comptec Inc. is the manufacturer and sole provider of parts and services for this equipment. They are the sole company to provide replacement assembly and associated warranties.