Thursday, July 26, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 50

Subject: Authorize award and execution of 24-month requirements supply contract with ACT PIPE & SUPPLY, Pflugerville, TX for the purchase of gate valves of various types and sizes in an estimated amount not to exceed \$201,200, with two 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$125,750 for the first extension option and \$157,188 for the second extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$484,138.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$25,150 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 21-months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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: Lowest bid of three bids 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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater.

This contract establishes a supply agreement with ACT Pipe & Supply for the purchase of gate valves of various types and sizes for the Austin Water Utility (AWU). These valves are used to control the flow of water in water and wastewater mains. The valves will be purchased on an as needed basis and stocked at AWU's Webberville Center and Glen Bell Service Center to ensure an adequate supply of valves are available for emergency repair and routine maintenance.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 0/0 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

Price Analysis

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Seven notices were sent. There are no MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. Three bids were received.
- c. The pricing submitted represents a 3% decrease from the last contract award in March 2005.

Approval Justification

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommendation.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.