

AGENDA



Thursday, August 23, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 22

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two 24-month requirements supply contracts with ACT PIPE & SUPPLY, Pflugerville, TX and TECHLINE PIPE L.P., Austin, TX for the purchase of ball and gate valves of various sizes in estimated amounts not to exceed \$255,573 and \$111,678 respectively, with two 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$127,787 and \$55,839 respectively per extension option, for total estimated contract amounts not to exceed \$511,147 and \$223,356 respectively.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$30,605 is available in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 22 months of the original contract periods 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: Steve Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bids of five 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 Commission.

These contracts will provide a reliable supply for the purchase of ball and gate valves of various types and sizes for the Austin Water Utility. The valves are used to control pipeline flow in water and wastewater main lines. The valves will be purchased on an as needed basis and stocked at the Austin Water Utility's Webberville Center and South East Service Center Storeroom to ensure an adequate supply of valves are available for emergency repair and routine maintenance.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-five notices were sent, including three WBEs. There are no known MBEs for this commodity. Five bids were received, with no response from the WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 37% increase to the last contract award in March 2005. This increase can be attributed to the rise in manufacturing and metal costs over the past two years.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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