

Thursday, August 23, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with N-LINE TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE (WBE/FR 100%), Austin, TX, for the rental of temporary traffic control devices and roadway pavement marking services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$980,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$490,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,450,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$17,918 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$6,666 is available in the Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$8,333 is available in the Operating Budget of Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding in the amount of \$5,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$2,916 is available in the Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for the remaining 23 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: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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.

This contract will provide for the delivery, placement, maintenance, and replacement of temporary traffic control devices for Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility, the Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department, and the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Temporary traffic control devices include barricades, traffic cones, yellow and white pavement markings, and cyclone or plastic fencing. Services include the installation of temporary roadway striping and restoration of permanent roadway striping and raised pavement markings.

These services are needed for special events, or when City crews are required to work in the road or near high traffic areas and temporary modifications are necessary to divert traffic around the work sites. This will promote the efficiency of the departments in their day-to-day duties in maintaining the City's infrastructure and will improve response time and safety for the taxpayer. The contractor will be required to respond in both routine and emergency situations where traffic control is required.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS a. Adequate competition. b. Six notices were issued. There are no MBE/WBEs available for these services. Two bids were received.

c. The pricing offered represents a 13% decrease from the previous contract award in January 2004. N-Line Traffic Maintenance, Safe Zone Inc., and United Rentals Highway are the current suppliers for traffic control devices.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Lowest bid received.

b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Departments' recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.