

AGENDA



Thursday, August 30, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 45**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with MACAULAY CONTROLS CO, Houston, TX, for the purchase of American Sigma flow meters for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$91,462.20.

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: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. 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.

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

Austin Water Utility (AWU) has installed a network of permanent and temporary wastewater flow meters throughout the collection system. Most of these meters are the American Sigma brand of flow meters made by Hach Company. This purchase is for eight replacement American Sigma brand flow meters. Additional replacement sensors are included in this procurement.

The replacement flow meters must be the American Sigma brand to be compatible with the telemetry instrumentation that has been installed to transmit the flow monitoring data. The telemetry instrumentation, manufactured by Telog, are configured specifically to work with the American Sigma flow meters. In addition, the flow meters will allow the interchangeability of probes and other components with the existing installed base of meters. These meters will be compatible with existing software and operating procedures that AWU technicians are familiar with.

MacCaulay Controls Company is the manufacturer's sole authorized representative that offers American Sigma meters for this area.