Thursday, August 30, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 53

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with TRICO TOWER SERVICE, INC., Houston, TX, for the purchase and installation of Honeywell lighting markers on the Regional Radio System towers in an amount not to exceed \$164,611.10.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Communications & Technology Management Department.

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

For More Information: Barbara McConnell, Buyer II, 972-4009

Purchasing Language: Sole bid 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.

This contract is to purchase and install Honeywell lighting markers on the existing Regional Radio System (RRS) towers. This project will replace the existing lighting components with Honeywell manufactured components on five guyed towers ranging in height from 400 to 450 feet and will replace the side markers with Honeywell LED side markers on six guyed towers ranging in height from 130 to 320 feet which are located within Travis County. The contractor will provide all labor and materials for this project.

The existing RRS tower lighting systems require replacement due to excessive failures and maintenance costs. When a beacon failure occurs, it requires that the Federal Aviation Administration be notified by phone and adversely affects air traffic safety.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. Two other known vendors that were solicited did not submit a bid since they were unable to meet the required timeline of the project due to existing projects or lack of qualified personnel to perform the installation.
- b. Nine notices were sent. There are no known MBEs/WBEs for this commodity. One bid was received.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Communication and Technology Management Department, Wireless Communication Services Division's recommended award.
- b. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.