Thursday, September 27, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 43

Subject: Authorize execution of a contract with E-Z GO/TEXTRON – SOUTHWEST, Hurst, TX, for the purchase of golf carts and maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$457,636.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$436,900 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget. Funding in the amount of \$20,736 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

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.

This contract is for the purchase of 216 four-wheeled electric golf carts, including preventative maintenance services, and will be available to golf patrons for fee-based use at Morris Williams and Jimmy Clay/Roy Kizer Golf Courses. These golf carts will replace the entire existing fleet of carts at these courses.

The existing golf cart fleet has been in service for four years and is no longer a reliable source for a rental fleet. This contract includes a standard warranty that will cover major components, parts, labor, and any transportation necessary for a three-year period.

As part of the bid, the contractor has agreed to buy the City's existing golf carts that allows the City to benefit from a cost avoidance of \$254,300.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-one notices were sent. There are no MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. Three bids were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents an 18.75% increase to the last contract award in October 2003. This increase is due to the rise in costs for petroleum based plastic products, batteries, and tires.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Parks and Recreation Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and the Internet.