

AGENDA



Thursday, October 11, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 40

Subject: Approve ratification of a contract with KST ELECTRIC LTD, Manor, TX, for the emergency repairs to a wastewater lift station for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$149,483.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Emergency Purchase

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). This was an emergency service contract; therefore it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

On Saturday, July 21, 2007, the Great Hills Lift Station, located at 9009 ½ Spice Brush Drive, an electrical conduit broke that allowed groundwater to infiltrate the conduit and flow into the dry well of the lift station resulting in the destruction of all electrical controls at the station. A temporary repair was made on the same day by wiring around the existing controls. The station was placed back in operation using temporary electrical utility power and temporary electrical controls utilizing a portable trailer. The repairs made were not intended to offer a permanent and reliable solution.

In order to fully restore this lift station to proper operations the following repairs were required:

- Replaced the control panel
- Reconnected the motor controls
- Reconnected the ventilation fan
- Repaired the water leak
- Installed a shield for the new control panel
- Installed new pressure switches and level instrumentation

The City's Purchasing Office made an attempt to obtain three bids under the emergency purchasing procedures. A purchase order was issued to KST Electric, the lowest bidder, on July 31, 2007 to provide the emergency repairs.

MBE/WBE sent: 1/0

MBE/WBE bid: 1/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Three notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for this service. Two bids were received, including one MBE.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.