Thursday, October 11, 2007

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 41

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS SUPPLY, LP, Royce City, TX, for the purchase of inserts, coupling and related hardware in an estimated amount not to exceed \$236,246 with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$118,123 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$472,492.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$118,123 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining twelve months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent on 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 four 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.

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

This requirements contract with Municipal Water Works Supply, LP will provide the Austin Water Utility (AWU) with a readily available supply of inserts, couplings and related hardware. The items will be ordered on an as needed basis and stored at the AWU's Webberville Storeroom and Glen Bell Service Center. The hardware will be used by the maintenance crews for repairs of existing water lines on an as needed basis.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/4 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

## PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred notices were sent including one MBE and four WBEs. Four bids were received with no MBE or WBE firms bidding.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 22% increase to the last purchase made in January 2006. This increase can be attributed to the increased cost in metal products.

## APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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