

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 28

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with COMMUNITY TRUCKING, Austin, TX, for the purchase of one-inch river rock for use as bedding material for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$305,616, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$152,808 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$611,232.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$140,074 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 13 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

For More Information: Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Sole bid 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 contract is for the supply of one-inch river rock for the Austin Water Utility (AWU) on an as needed basis. This product is used in the repair of waterlines as a bedding material for pipe to prevent sagging and movement of pipe once the repairs are completed.

AWU is required to wrap plastic around waterlines to protect them from corrosion. The river rock is also used to cover the plastic because its smooth and rounded shape prevents tearing of the plastic cover. The rock will be delivered to the East Service Center, North Service Center, and Southeast Service Center for storage until needed. In addition, the contract provides for the pickup of approximately 7,400 tons of rock at the vendor's site.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Sole bid received. Other potential bidders were contacted to determine why they did not submit a bid. Others are unwilling to supply at this time. The last time this contract was bid, the other firms pricing was 46% higher than that of Community Trucking.

b. Twenty-three notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE.

c. The pricing offered represents no increase to the previous contract award in May 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Sole bidder. Community Trucking is the current provider of this product.

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