

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 39

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS SUPPLY, L. P., Royce City, TX for the supply of manhole rings and covers for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$127,930, with two 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$70,362 for the first extension options and \$80,916 for the second extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$279,208.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount \$47,974 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 15 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: Steve Aden, Supervising Senior 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 contract will provide the Austin Water Utility with a reliable supply of manhole rings and covers and will be purchased on an as needed basis. The items will be used to cover sewer mains in streets and creeks for initial installation or replacement of old or damaged units. Primary users will be TV Inspection Division and Line Maintenance Crews. Some units are also used to prevent overflows during flooding and to keep debris out of sewer mains. Installation of the manhole rings and covers assists the City of Austin with compliance with environmental regulations.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 1/1 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition.

b. Forty notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

c. The pricing offered represents a 2% decrease from the last contract award in October 2005.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Lowest bid received.

b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.