

AGENDA



Thursday, January 31, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 68**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with TRIAD MARINE & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC., Kemah, TX, for the purchase of four inflatable swift water rescue boats, four boat trailers, and six outboard engines in an amount not to exceed \$113,087.64.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Vehicle Acquisition Fund.

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

For More Information: Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

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.

This contract is for the purchase of four replacement inflatable swift water rescue boats manufactured by Zodiac Marine, with outboard motors manufactured by Evinrude and boat trailers manufactured by Sportsmen. Two new Evinrude outboard motors are also included in this purchase to be used as spares in the event that a motor is out of service during an emergency response.

This equipment will be used for rapid response to swift water and still water emergencies such as flooding of lakes, streams, and creeks, or boating incidents. Austin Fire Department maintains specially trained swift water rescue personnel and swift water boat operators in support of this program. Three of the boats will be housed at Special Operations stations north, central, and south to provide quick deployment and the ability to add crews during floods. The fourth will be housed at Station 26 to cover Lake Long.

This equipment has met the replacement criteria established by the Fleet Officer. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected the four boats, motors and trailers to be replaced, and has determined that the mileage and hours of use cannot be increased without risking significant repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The request to purchase the two new spare motors was also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

MBE/WBE Sent: 0/0 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bidder. Other potential bidders were contacted and stated that they were unable to bid at this time. Triad Marine is the only authorized Zodiac Marine dealer in Texas and the manufacturer only sells through an authorized dealer. No other Marine manufacturers responded to the bid
- b. Seven notices were sent.. There are no MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. One bid was received.
- c. This is the first purchase of this type of rescue boat; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Fire Department and Fleet Services Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.