

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 14, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 47**

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a contract with AQUATERRA CREATIONS, LLC., Fredericksburg, Texas for the purchase and installation of a pond liner for the Austin Nature and Science Center in an amount not to exceed \$107,341.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

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

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of two 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) by meeting the goals with 8.58% MBE and 2.40% WBE subcontracting participation.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of pond liners needed to seal leaking ponds located at the Parks and Recreation Department's Austin Nature and Science Center. These ponds are utilized for educational programs and exhibits. The pond liners are made of a synthetic rubber liner that is installed in the bottom of the ponds that prevents drainage and provides a constant water level. After installation, the only water loss is from normal evaporation.

The existing 25 year old, clay liner at these two ponds have developed major leaks. Failure to replace the pond lining will eliminate the educational programs that can be offered by the Austin Nature and Science Center relating to aquatic studies.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0 /0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty-seven notices were sent, including two MBEs and one WBE. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBE.
- c. This is the first purchase to replace the pond liners since the opening of the Austin Nature Center; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

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