

AGENDA



Thursday, March 6, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 27

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with THE ANCHOR GROUP, INC., New, Braunfels, TX for the purchase and installation of fencing for six sites within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$132,765.75.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the FY 2007-2008 Wildland Conservation Fund of the Austin Water Utility.

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 contract is for the purchase and installation of approximately 11,765 linear feet of fencing at six sites within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for security, deer exclusion, and other purposes required in the Regional Section 10(a) permit for the preserves. Work will include the installation of deer proof fencing, ornamental iron fencing, and pedestrian gates. The contract also includes services to remove and dispose of existing dilapidated fencing within these sites.

MBE/WBE solicited: 6/3

MBE/WBE bid: 1/1

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-four notices were issued, including six MBEs and three WBEs. Four bids were received, including one MBE and one WBE. Three "No Bid"s were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 10% decrease from a similar purchase made in December 2006.

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 Internet.