

AGENDA



Thursday, April 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 43**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with WABASH NATIONAL TRAILER CENTERS, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of two aluminum tandem sludge hauling trailers in an amount not to exceed \$207,036.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is for the purchase of two replacement frame-type custom built aluminum tandem hydraulic dump semi-trailers to be used by the Water Division of the Austin Water Utility to haul water treatment lime residuals. These trailers carry a lime slurry bi-product that is produced from fresh water filtration treatment processes. They are built watertight and of aluminum to reduce the trailer weight, which permits carrying more residuals with each trip to the dumpsite. The trailers are pulled beneath the hoppers at the water treatment plants, loaded with the lime residual slurry, and then hauled to the dumpsite. This material is non-toxic and must be hauled away from water treatment plants to a dedicated site for disposal. The disposal site is owned by the City and is located at 5006 Shaw Lane. The City has a registration for this site with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from the State of Texas.

These trailers will replace existing trailers that were placed in service in 1980 and 1983, and they have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center manager has inspected the equipment to be replaced and determined that the overall age and condition of these water-tight trailers proposed for replacement cannot continue to be used without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bidder. The last three times this item has been purchased, a single bid has been received from this trailer manufacturer. This is currently the only known trailer manufacturer that is capable of building this type of trailer that is equipped with a water tight rear hatch and has sides low enough to drive beneath the sludge hoppers that store this material.
- b. Twenty-seven notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. One bid was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 6% increase to the last purchase in June 2005.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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