

AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 32

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with CARBONITE FILTER CORPORATION, Delano, PA, for the purchase of anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$103,281, with two 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$129,102 for the first extension option and \$161,378 for the second extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$393,761.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$34,427 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining eight months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon funding in future budgets.

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 five 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 supply of anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility's Davis Water Treatment Plant. The anthracite filter material will be used to remove suspended particulate material from water in the treatment process before use as Type 1 Reuse water or discharge into the Colorado River.

The filtration process is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The product being supplied complies with the latest revision of American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard B100-01.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-two notices were sent, including two MBEs and one WBE. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 2% increase to the last contract award in May 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Carbonite Filter Corporation is the current provider of this product.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.