

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 61**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with CARBONITE FILTER CORPORATION, Delano, PA for the purchase of anthracite mono-filter material for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$63,049.98.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget 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 of 190 tons of anthracite mono-filter material for the Austin Water Utility's Walnut Creek Wastewater 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 (TECQ). The product being supplied complies with the latest revision of American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard B100-01. Carbonite Filter Corporation held the previous contract for anthracite filter material.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-three notices were sent, including two MBEs and one WBE. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs. One "No Bid" was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 1% decrease from the last purchase made in August 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.