

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 65**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with TRIMBLE NAVIGATION LIMITED, Dayton, OH, for the purchase of Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$54,010.

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:

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). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and 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 handheld global positioning system (GPS) equipment to be used by Pipeline Operations personnel of the Austin Water Utility to gather up-to-date data in the field to perform all maintenance and repair operations for all water wastewater line infrastructure.

This equipment is used to gather GPS coordinates for water valves and fire hydrants to upload data into the existing GIS Computer Mapping system to properly map locations. All component information about water valves and fire hydrants, such as manufacturer, year-model, and bury depth will be uploaded to the Hansen Infrastructure Management System database through GIS. This information will allow AWU personnel to easily locate buried infrastructure; thereby reducing the amount of time spent locating valves and lines during regular maintenance work and emergency repairs that require shut-outs.

This purchase includes the following:

- 9 each Trimble GeoXT Standalone Systems
- 9 each Terrasynic Professional Software
- 1 each GPS Pathfinder Office Software Update
- 9 each Hard Carrying Cases

Additional 2-Year Hardware Warranty Extension for nine units and 1-Year Priority Support and Training. Trimble Navigation Limited is under contract through TXMAS to provide this equipment to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.