

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 28, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 42

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with SOUTHWASTE DISPOSAL LLC, Pflugerville, TX, for sludge and sewage pumping, hauling, and disposal services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$186,768, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$116,730 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$420,228.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$7,782 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 23 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available 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 two bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 to provide sludge and sewage pumping, hauling, and disposal services for the Austin Water Utility on an as needed or emergency basis. The contractor will pump and transport the materials in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Department of Transportation regulations, to disposal locations at the South Austin Regional, or Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP). This service is for scheduled hauling of waste and is necessary to maintain proper operations of the facilities to ensure permit requirements are met.

Services will be provided to Harris Branch WWTP, Pickfair WWTP, Balcones Water Reclamation Plant, Anderson Mill WWTP, Thoroughbred Farms WWTP, and Davenport WWTP, all of which are located in Travis County. Hauling from these facilities is necessary since these facilities are not tied into the City's wastewater systems at South Austin Regional, Govalle, or Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirteen notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for these services. Two bids were received. One "No Bid" was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 40% increase to the last contract award in September 2006. This increase can be attributed to higher transportation costs.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

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