

Thursday, August 28, 2008

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 54

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with LONE STAR BMW TRIUMPH, Austin, TX for the purchase of three replacement police motorcycles in an amount not to exceed \$71,589.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Vehicle Acquisition Fund of the Financial and Administrative Services Department.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Cocke, Fleet Buyer/974-2003

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.

This contract provides for the purchase of three replacement police motorcycles that will be assigned to the Austin Police Department for use in traffic enforcement. The City currently has 73 police motorcycles in the Austin Police Department fleet. Motorcycles are used by police officers to run radar, investigate traffic accidents, and as traffic escorts for approximately 150 events per year that include parades, run fests, and political events.

This motorcycle is equipped with certain design features that make it one of the safest motorcycle in production. The R1200 RT-P model is lighter and more maneuverable than other makes of police motorcycles without any loss of the heavy-duty performance from the 110 horsepower, 1170 cc twin piston engine. The motorcycle has an integral ABS braking system that provides 20% better braking performance and is not available on any other police motorcycle currently in production. The integral ABS brake system links the front and rear wheel brake circuits that will apply the optimum amount of braking power to each wheel according to individual wheel load. This equates to better stopping ability without skidding. These motorcycles will replace three existing bikes that have been identified by Fleet Services as eligible for replacement since they have 60,000 miles of wear, and are no longer able to provide reliable front-line service.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

## PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bidder. Bids were mailed directly to other BMW motorcycle dealers. Lone Star BMW /Triumph is the only local BMW motorcycle dealer and has been the sole bidder for the police model motorcycle December 2001.
- b. Eighteen solicitations were issued. There are no MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. One bid was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 9.5% increase from the last purchase made in January 2007.

## APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with APD's and Fleets Services' recommended award. c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.