Thursday, August 28, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 60

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with COMPUTEC TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, League, TX for the purchase of Type 170 332 Traffic Signal Cabinets in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,585,008, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$811,992 for the first extension option, \$1,014,990 for the second extension option, and \$1,268,737 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$4,680,727.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$34,645 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding for the remaining 35 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: Roy Rivers, Buyer II/974-6434

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.

This contract will provide Type 170 322 Traffic Signal Cabinets for the Public Works Department, Transportation Division. These components are necessary for new traffic signal installation, maintenance, and repair of existing traffic signals to provide a safer transportation infrastructure.

Traffic signal improvements contribute to the Transportation Division's overall mission to provide the safest and most efficient system possible. Traffic signals are installed at intersections where traffic volume and/or accident history indicates that traffic signals are warranted. Modernization and upgrades of existing traffic signals become necessary as technology in the traffic field improves. All hardware must meet or exceed the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Standard Specification for Traffic signals. MBE/WBE solicited: 4/4 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty notices were sent, including four MBEs and four WBEs. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 7% increase to the last contract award in May 2007.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Computer Traffic Systems is not the current supplier.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Public Works Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.