

## AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 55**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with SYNAGRO OF TEXAS – CDR, INC., Tomball, TX, to provide biosolids hauling and land application for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount of \$1,000,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the 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 meeting specifications 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 for the loading of biosolids located at the Austin Water Utility's, Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant and hauling this material to the contractor's sites for land application or disposal. The biosolids to be applied or disposed of will be Class B biosolids at approximately 14% to 20% total solids.

Biosolids are treated sewage sludge, the solid component of sewage (or wastewater). Sludge is separated from wastewater at the AWU's treatment plants and sent to Hornsby Bend. There the sludge is anaerobically digested which is the process to significantly reduce pathogens. The biosolids are approved for agricultural land application. The biosolids are located in drying basins and the belt press area at Hornsby Bend.

Synagro of Texas has been performing this service in Texas for over 20 years through its permitted disposal site in Irving, Texas and land application sites in Colorado and Wharton Counties of Texas.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-eight notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this service. Two bids were received.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.