

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 52

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with ALLEGIANCE POWER SYSTEMS, Lago Vista, TX, for generator maintenance and repair services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$457,383, with three 12 month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$179,037 for the first extension option, \$120,257 for the second extension option and \$152,719 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$909,396.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Operating Budgets of various City departments as follows: Finance and Administrative Services \$74,180 - (Building Services \$39,701), (Fleet Services \$12,633), (Communications & Technology Management \$4,189, Wireless Communication \$17,657); Austin Energy \$12,574; Austin Fire \$74,830; Austin Water Utility \$14,821; Library \$3,163; and the Austin Convention Center \$3,675. 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: Rosemary Ledesma, Supervising Sr. Buyer/512-974-2011.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of seven bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Woman 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 maintenance and repair of emergency back-up generators to be used by the Financial and Administrative Services Department - Building Services, Fleet Services, and Communications and Technology Management; Austin Fire Department; Austin Water Utility; Library; Austin Convention Center; and Austin Energy. A total of 97 generators will be covered under this contract at various locations.

These generators provide emergency back-up power for fire and police stations, electrical substations, wastewater lift stations, the microwave radio network serving Fire, Police, and EMS, other communications systems, a transformer oil pumping trailer, and the City's vehicle fueling system. Maintenance service is provided on a quarterly basis for each generator. The inspection and maintenance services provided under this contract meet the National Fire Protection Association Code for Emergency and Standby Power Systems. In addition to the quarterly maintenance schedule, the contract also provides for both routine and emergency repair services, with the contractor responding within one hour of notification in the event of emergency failure. In the event a department's generator is being serviced or repaired at the Contractor's facility and a need for a generator is identified, the Contractor will provide a temporary replacement generator until the City's unit is returned.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition.

b. Thirty-one notices were sent including one MBE and one WBE. Seven bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBE.

c. The pricing offered represents a 3% decrease from the last contract award in April 2005.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Lowest bid received. Allegiance Power Systems is not the current provider of these services.

b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Building Services' recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.