

AGENDA



Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 20**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with TRAVIS PAVING AND EXCAVATING INC., Bastrop, TX for the purchase of debris removal services at the Linda Vista Subdivision in an estimated amount not to exceed \$198,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$198,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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 seven 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.

This contract is for construction debris removal services on a 30-acre piece of property owned by Austin Energy (AE). It is located on FM 973, south of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

AE contracted with a different vendor to operate a construction and demolition (C&D) waste recycling operation on this site. It was intended that the C&D waste recycling facility would be used by contractors participating in the City's Green Building program to divert materials from landfills by recycling scrap lumber, drywall, metals, and other building materials. The vendor operating the C&D waste recycling site accepted a large quantity of other materials from builders with the stated intent to recycle them, but apparently accepted substantially more materials than the vendor had resources to reasonably recycle. As a result, materials have been dumped over an area of 10 to 15 acres of the site, and must be treated as an illegal dump.

The successful bidder of this contract states that it intends to utilize a tub grinder to convert scrap lumber to mulch for recycling and will dispose of any other materials that cannot be recycled or reused in a licensed municipal solid waste landfill. The City will monitor the final disposal of all materials to ensure that they are legitimately reused or disposed. The contract provides 60 days to accomplish the work.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-one notices were sent, including three MBEs and one WBE. Seven bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Solid Waste Services' and Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.