

AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 45

Subject: Approve ratification of an emergency purchase with AUSTIN UNDERGROUND, INC. (MBE-MH), Austin, TX for the installation of a 66-inch diameter concrete steel cylinder for the Austin Water Utility in a amount not to exceed \$54,850.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

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: Emergency Purchase.

MBE/WBE: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This is an emergency purchase contract; therefore it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

In late September 2008, Austin Water Utility (AWU) staff found that a pipe was leaking water at the water main on Johnny Morrison Road. This is the main artery to fill Martin Hill reservoir and East Austin Reservoir. This transmission main is critical in serving North East and East Austin customers.

This contract is for the installation of a 16-foot length of 66-inch diameter water pipe that was purchased through a separate contract.

The installation consisted of removing the existing 16-inch pipe which included the excavation, dewatering, pipe bedding, backfill, thrust blocking, and reconnection of the 66-inch concrete steel cylinder to an existing 16-inch concrete steel cylinder pipe.

Any delays to the repair could have caused additional damage and costs to the City, as well as left numerous citizens without water. To address the immediate reliability concerns of the large leaking pipe and the time to construct the replacement pipe, an emergency purchasing process was utilized.