

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 49

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with WACHS VALVE & HYDRANT SERVICES, LLC (dba Wachs Utility Services), Lincolnshire, IL, for fire hydrant maintenance and repair services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$2,623,800, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,639,875 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$9,183,300.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$983,925 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 15 months of the initial 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:** Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2021.

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid meeting specification of five 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.

The Austin Water Utility maintains approximately 24,000 fire hydrants and operating valves within the City's jurisdiction. This contract requires the contractor to perform routine maintenance and repair services on approximately 8,000 – 10,000 of these fire hydrants and operating valves each year, at a rate of 500 – 850 per month, for the duration of the contract. Services under this contract will consist of routine maintenance, inspection and static testing, minor repairs, sandblasting and painting, and provide data base reports on all hydrants and operating valves.

MBE/WBE solicited: 73/33      MBE/WBE bid: 1/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Seven hundred fifty notices were issued, including 73 MBEs and 33 WBEs. Five bids were received, including one MBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available. Services were provided by Austin Water Utility personnel in the past.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid meeting specifications.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.