Thursday, December 11, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 52

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month contract with SIDDONS FIRE APPARATUS, Houston, TX for the supply of captive repair parts and repair services for Pierce fire trucks in an estimated amount not to exceed \$788,125, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$289,406 for the first extension option, \$303,876 for the second extension option, and \$319,070 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,700,477.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$208,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Fund. Funding for the remaining 26 months of the original 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 Cocke, Buyer II /974-2035

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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 will provide for the supply of captive repair parts and repair services for the City's fleet of Pierce fire trucks on an as needed basis. The captive repair parts will be used by the Fleet mechanics and vehicle technicians for the daily operations of general routine repair and maintenance services for Pierce Fire Trucks. The repair services will be used to supplement the repairs performed by the Fleet mechanics at Fleet Service Center six.

The City of Austin currently has 44 Pierce fire trucks in the Fleet inventory. This contract is necessary to support the automotive and equipment fleet service with a reliable and continuous source of supply to purchase parts and repair services.

This is a sole source contract because Siddons Fire Apparatus is the only authorzied dealer in central and southern Texas for Pierce, the original equipment manufacturer. Siddons provides all parts, equipment, and repairs for Pierce Fire Apparatus and has been selling these manufacturer parts to governmental entities for the past 10 years.