

AGENDA



Thursday, March 5, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 21

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month supply requirements contract with POLYDYNE, INC., Riceboro, GA, for the purchase of liquid emulsion polymer for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$858,808, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$901,748 for the first extension option, \$946,836 for the second extension option, and \$994,183 the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,701,575.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$500,972 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining five 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 Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of four bids received.

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.

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

This contract is for the supply of liquid emulsion polymer for the Austin Water Utility (AWU) and will be ordered on an as needed basis. The polymer will be delivered to and used by the AWU, Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Facility, which handles the treatment and reuse of all City bio-solids (sewage sludge) from the three major wastewater treatment plants and several small package plants around the City.

Polymer is used in the treatment process to dewater and thicken sludge at the facility. After the sludge has been properly treated, it is either spread over 1,200 acres of City-owned open land currently planted in Coastal Bermuda grass or it is composted and sold as Dillo Dirt. This is an environmentally safe method of removing sludge from the facility.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-eight notices were issued, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE. One "No Bid" was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 2% increase to the last contract award in June 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bidder. Polydyne, Inc. is the current provider of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

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