Thursday, March 26, 2009

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 33

Subject: Authorize award and execution a 24-month requirements supply contract with ALTIVIA CORPORATION, Houston, TX, for liquid chlorine for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,274,080, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$796,300 per extension option for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,866,680.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding of \$265,434 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 19-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: Low bid of three 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 establishes the minimum requirements to provide liquid chlorine in 1 ton and 150 lb. cylinders for the Austin Water Utility. The one ton cylinders will be delivered to Davis, Walnut Creek and South Austin Regional Water & Waste Treatment Plants and the 150 lb. cylinders will be delivered to Govalle and Anderson Mill Wastewater Treatment Plants. The City uses liquid chlorine to disinfect the water and wastewater of the City.

The product complies with the following standards: (1) American National Standards Institute/American Waster Works Association (ANSI/AWWA) Standard B301a-99, the standard for chlorine to be used in the treatment of water and wastewater, and (2) American National Standard Institute/National Sanitation Foundation (ANSI/NSF) Standard 60 and 61 which governs the use of direct and indirect additives for the treatment of drinking water.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-fine notices were sent. There were no MBE or WBE firms listed under this commodity. Three bids were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 9% decrease from the last contract awarded in April 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bidder.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

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