

AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 35

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with BADGER METER, INC., Milwaukee, WI, for the purchase of water meters in an estimated amount not to exceed \$139,626, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$174,532 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$488,690.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$69,813 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining six 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: Sole bid 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 various types of water meters for the Austin Water Utility (AWU) to be installed within the water distribution system as needed. The water meters supply data to establish revenue billing for the City of Austin. In addition, by monitoring water meters the City will also be able to verify water leaks in the distribution system, gallons used per customer, and demand during peak and non-peak times.

Water meters will be delivered and stored at the Webberville and Southeast Service Center Storerooms for use by crews on an as needed basis.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. The last bid for these meters was in March 2006, and Badger Meter Inc. was the only firm that could meet the specifications. One other bidder stated it could not meet the minimum specifications.
- b. Fifty-eight notices were sent, including three MBEs and two WBEs. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs. One “No Bid” was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 9% increase to the last contract award in March 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid received. Badger Meter is the current provider of this product.
- b. The Purchasing Office Concurs with the Austin Water Utility’s recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.