Thursday, May 21, 2009

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 28

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with SOUTHWASTE DISPOSAL LLC dba CAP-TEX INC., Austin, TX to provide emergency response for sludge and sewage pumping, hauling, and disposal services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$800,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$400,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$133,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 20 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, Purchasing Manager/974-2021

Purchasing Language: Sole bid 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.

This contract is to provide emergency response sludge and sewage pumping, hauling, and disposal services for contaminated sludge and sewage from City sewers and wastewater lines for Austin Water Utility (AWU). The contractor will pump and transport the materials in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, and Texas Department of Transportation regulations to disposal locations designated by AWU personnel. These services will be provided on an as needed basis to prevent sewage spill drainage.

This contract will provide quick, one hour, day or night response to emergency situations and reduce administrative time involved to obtaining bids during emergency sewage spill situations.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/5 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

IFB No. STA0203

Emergency Sewage Sludge Hauling and Disposal Services

The estimated contract amount is \$400,000 per year. A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Sole bid received. Other potential bidders were contacted and are unable to provide these services at this time.

- b. Thirty-five notices were sent, including three MBEs and five WBEs. One bid was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 5% increase to the last contract award in May 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid received. Southwaste Disposal LLC is the current provider of these services.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award. c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.