

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 21, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 29**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with MACAULAY CONTROL COMPANY (WBE), Houston, TX, for the purchase of 15 American Sigma flow meters for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$126,709.70.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Stephen T. Aden, Purchasing Manager/974-2021.

**Purchasing Language:** Sole Source.

**MBE/WBE:** This purchase 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.

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The Austin Water Utility (AWU) has installed a network of permanent and temporary wastewater flow meters throughout the collection system. Most of these meters are the American Sigma brand of flow meters made by Hach Company. This purchase is for 15 replacement American Sigma brand flow meters, including additional replacement sensors.

The replacement flow meters must be the American Sigma brand to be compatible with the telemetry instrumentation that has been installed to transmit the flow monitoring data. The telemetry instrumentation, manufactured by Telog, is configured specifically to work with the American Sigma flow meters. In addition, the flow meters will allow the interchangeability of probes and other components with the existing installed base of meters. These meters will be compatible with existing software and operating procedures that AWU technicians are currently using.

Macaulay Controls Company is the manufacturer's sole authorized representative that offers American Sigma meters for this area.