

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 80

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with NATIONAL WORKS, INC., New Braunfels, TX for the cleaning and inspection of large diameter sanitary sewer collection system lines for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$400,525, with two 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$500,657 for the first extension option, and \$625,820 for the second extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,527,002.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$66,754 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 10 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 2-9C 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 Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is for cleaning and inspection services of the Austin Water Utility's (AWU) large diameter sanitary sewer collection system lines. The contractor will inspect suspected deteriorated and/or debris laden wastewater lines within the sewage collection system and gather information on the condition of the lines. Austin Water Utility will then use this information to identify sewer lines that require replacement or rehabilitation in order to prevent future sewage overflows.

This contract will augment AWU's cleaning and television inspection crews throughout the City's service areas in order to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's requirement to eliminate sewage overflows.

MBE/WBE solicited: 18/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/1

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred twenty-six notices were sent, including 18 MBEs and one WBE. Four bids were received, including one WBE. One "No Bid" was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 29% decrease from the last contract award in November 2003.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received. National Works, Inc. is not 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 the Internet.