Thursday, August 6, 2009

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 27

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC, Baytown, TX to package, transport, and dispose of household hazardous waste collected at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$911,337, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$303,779 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,822,674.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$50,630 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding for the remaining 34 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 Cocke, Buyer II / 974-2003

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of six 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 Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

This contract establishes a service contract for packaging, transportation, and disposal of household hazardous waste collected at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWF) for the Solid Waste Services Department. These items include herbicides, pesticides, paints, fertilizers, cleaning products, pool chemicals, and flammable liquids, such as gasoline thinner, and stains. The contractor will perform all work in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 330 Solid Waste Management regulations and the latest Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) concerning household hazardous waste. All disposal sites utilized by Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC, are licensed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or respective state.

The City of Austin opened the first permanent facility in Texas for the collection of household hazardous wastes in October 1991. This program was expanded in 1995 to incorporate the collection of these wastes with those generated by small business classified as Conditionally-Exempt Small Quantity Generators. This program provides an environmentally safe and convenient means by which to dispose of unwanted chemicals. The HHWF is located at 2514 Business Center Drive. The facility is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon until 6:00 P.M., the first Saturday of each month 7:00 A.M. until noon, and by appointment. Since the program's inception in 1986, there have been approximately 11.5 million pounds of hazardous waste properly managed; approximately 130,000 residential households utilizing disposal services and recycling, and about 2,500 small businesses helped with disposal and recycling. All of this waste was diverted from going to our area landfills.

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

## PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred eleven notices were sent, including five MBEs and five WBEs. Six bids were received, with no responses from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered reflects a 14% decrease from the previous contract award in July 2005.

## APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Veolia is not the current provider of these services.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Solid Waste Services' recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.