

AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

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

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase and installation of a chiller for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$70,950.

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: Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 974-2021.

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). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation. However, the contractor has agreed to subcontract with the following companies: Mechanical and Process Systems (MBE)-\$5,000; J S Electric, Inc. (WBE)-\$1,900.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of a chiller unit at the Hornsby Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant. The chiller unit cools the Maintenance Shop, Parts Room and Plant Communications Control Room. The electronics, parts, and computerized equipment that are housed and stored in these areas represent a large investment to the City and is critical to the plant operations. Maintaining a climate controlled environment is paramount to the operations of these assets. In addition, this unit also cools restrooms, break areas, and offices that are used by plant staff.

The current chiller unit has stopped working on several occasions and minor repairs have been made so the unit is at least functional, but it is still not working properly. The unit has numerous internal problems and the cost to fully rebuild the unit is economically unfeasible. This purchase will replace the unit with a new and more energy efficient unit that includes a 66-month warranty on parts and labor.

Johnson Controls, Inc. is contracted through TXMAS to supply this type equipment and services to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.