

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 31**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with PIATRA, INC., Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$253,393.50 for the purchase and installation of fencing within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for the Austin Water Utility.

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

**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 three 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 the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of approximately 23,150 linear feet of fencing at three sites within the Austin Water Utility's Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for security, deer exclusion, and other purposes required in the Regional Section 10(a) permit for the preserves. Work will include the installation of deer proof fencing, as well as the removal and disposal of existing dilapidated fencing within these sites.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/1

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-six notices were sent, including three MBEs and three WBEs. Three bids were received, including one WBE. One "No Bid" was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 25% decrease from the last similar purchase made in August 2008.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.