

AGENDA



Thursday, November 5, 2009

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 31

Subject: Approve ratification of an emergency purchase with AUSTIN UNDERGROUND, INC., Austin, TX for the repair of a 30" water main for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$53,932.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding was 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, Corporate Purchasing Manager, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Emergency Purchase.

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.

During the inspection by Austin Water Utility (AWU) crews on August 8, 2009, it was discovered that a 30-inch diameter water valve located at the intersection of South First Street and West Oltorf Street was severely corroded and leaking heavily. On August 13, 2009 it was determined that the immediate replacement of the valve was necessary to prevent a complete failure. If this were to occur, a great deal of damage would be done to the street and nearby utilities as well as cause a dangerous traffic hazard.

Due to the specialized construction methods required, the scope of repairs were deemed beyond the capabilities of the AWU's workforce. Bids were solicited from various local firms on August 26, 2009, and bids were received on August 28, 2009.

A purchase order was issued to Austin Underground, Inc. on August 28, 2009 and work completed on September 4, 2009. Due to the emergency nature of this project to preserve the City's property and the time involved in advertising for these services, competitive bids were not obtained under the provisions of Local Government Code.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/3

MBE/WBE bid: 2/1

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Seven local firms were sent bids, including three MBEs and three WBEs. Four bids were received, including two MBEs and one WBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.