

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 49**

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with N-LINE TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE (WBE/FW), Austin TX, for the rental of temporary traffic control devices and roadway pavement marking services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$2,380,041, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$793,347 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$4,760,082.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$62,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding in the amount of \$358,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$66,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Street & Bridge Division of Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$62,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$29,167 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Parks & Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$31,956 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining 26 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 two 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 will provide for the delivery, placement, maintenance, and replacement of temporary traffic control devices, and for roadway pavement marking services for the Watershed Protection Department, Austin Water Utility, the Public Works Department, Austin Transportation Department, Austin Energy, and Parks Recreation Department. Temporary traffic control devices include barricades, traffic cones, yellow and white pavement markings, and cyclone or plastic fencing. Services include the installation of temporary roadway striping and restoration of permanent roadway striping and raised pavement markings.

These services are required by special events, or when City crews work in the road or near high traffic areas and temporary modifications are necessary to divert traffic around the work sites. This will promote the efficiency of the departments in their day-to-day duties in maintaining the City's infrastructure and will improve response time and safety for the taxpayer. The contractor is required to respond in both routine and emergency situations where traffic control is required.

#### PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty-one notices were sent, including two MBEs and six WBEs. Two bids were received, with one WBE.
- c. The pricing offered reflects a 42% decrease from the previous contract award in September 2007. N-Line was able to reduce its costs and passed these savings on to the City, primarily through relationships with its suppliers for the electronic items: such as the trailer-mounted arrow boards and electronic message trailers, as well as, trained staff and previous experience.

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. N-Line Traffic Maintenance is not the current provider of these services.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Departments' recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.