Thursday, February 25, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 44

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with MCCAIN WATERWORKS MARKETING, LLC, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of pipe, valves, and fittings in an estimated amount not to exceed \$246,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$82,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$492,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$47,833 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 29 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: Roy Rivers, Buyer II/512-974-2596

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

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

This contract is for the supply of EZ-Valve brand water valves, parts, and accessories for installation of 4-inch through 12-inch water valves for the Austin Water Utility (AWU) on an as needed basis. AWU is currently installing EZ-Valve brand water valves manufactured by Advance Valve Technologies throughout the water distribution system.

The EZ Valve is classified by the American Water Works Association as a resilient-seated gate valve. This is a new process of installing a reusable valve that can be installed on ductile iron, cast iron, plastic, or asbestos concrete 4-inch through 16-inch pipe. The EZ Valve is compatible with existing AWU distribution systems. The actual valve insertion procedure can take less than an hour making the EZ Valve system the fastest, most economical, and most reliable valve available on the market.

McCain Waterworks Marketing, LLC is the manufacturer's sole authorized representative in Texas to sell EZ-Valve brand water valves manufactured by Advance Valve technologies.