

AGENDA



Thursday, June 10, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 24

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with REPUBLIC ITS, Grand Prairie, TX for the purchase of 600 each pedestrian head traffic signal modules for the Transportation Department in an amount not to exceed \$116,100.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Transportation Department.

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 nine bids received.

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.

This contract is for the purchase of 600 each pedestrian head traffic signal module with liquid electric diode (LCD) "walking person" and "hand" icons, as well as the countdown indicator for pedestrian intersection crosswalks maintained by the Transportation Department, Traffic Signals Division.

The pedestrian traffic signal module must meet or exceed the Institute of Transportation Engineers Standard Specification for pedestrian traffic signals. These modules will be used for new traffic signal installation, maintenance, and for repairs of existing traffic signals throughout the City to provide a safer transportation infrastructure.

The traffic signals improvements contribute to the Traffic Signals Division's overall mission to provide the safest and most efficient transportation system possible. The traffic signals are to be installed at multiple intersections where traffic volume and/or accident history indicates that traffic signals are warranted. Modernization and upgrades of existing traffic signals has become necessary as technology in the traffic field improves.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition
- b. Sixty-six notices were sent, including four MBEs and two WBEs. Nine bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 31% decrease from the last purchase made in February 2009. Decrease is due to a quantity discount.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Republic ITS was not the previous supplier of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Transportation Department recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.