Thursday, June 24, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 45

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with GEXPRO, Austin, TX for programmable logic controllers the Aviation Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$162,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$54,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$270,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$13,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department. Funding for the remaining 33 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: Brenda Helgren, Sr. Buyer/530-7533

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two 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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission.

This contract is for programmable logic controllers for the Aviation Department. The Airline Maintenance Division of the Aviation Department uses these parts to maintain the programmable logic controllers that support the baggage handling systems operation at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

These parts, including input/output modules, power supplies, and touch screen monitors support the approximately 30 programmable logic controllers that track, sort, and divert baggage throughout ABIA's baggage handling system and provides users notification of when there is a problem in the system.

MBE/WBE solicited: 8/6 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Two hundred ninety-five notices were sent, including eight MBEs and six WBEs, with no response from the MBE/WBE firms.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 7% decrease from the last contract award November 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid. Gexpro is the current supplier of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Aviation Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.