

AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 53

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with TECHLINE PIPE, LP, Austin, TX for the supply of water meter lids and boxes for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$849,043, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$283,015 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,698,088.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$283,015 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 24 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 Aden, Purchasing Manager, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of four 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 Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract will provide the Austin Water Utility (AWU) with a reliable source to purchase water meter lids and boxes of various sizes on an as needed basis. The meter boxes and lids will be delivered to and stored at AWU's Webberville Storeroom and the Glen Bell Service Center, and will be used at various work locations throughout the City.

The meter boxes and lids are needed to house water meters that are installed in the City's water distribution system. The boxes and lids protect meters from the elements, incidental damage, and vandalism.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-one notices were sent., including four MBEs. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- c. The current pricing represents a 22% decrease to the previous contract award in September 2008. This decrease can be attributed to the decline in cost for metal and metal products as noted in the current Producer Price Index.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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

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