

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 3, 2011

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

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply agreement with CENTEX MATERIALS LLC, Austin, Texas, for flexible base for the Watershed Protection Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$75,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$16,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011 approved Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding for the remaining 28 months of the original contract period and for the 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 three 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 flexible base to be used by Field Operations Division of the Watershed Protection Department. The material will be stock piled in the Harold Court Service Yard, to ensure it is available for pipeline projects as well as, emergency response situations.. The material will be hauled to jobsites as needed and replaced by the vendor upon request as it is used.

Flexible base is the material used to backfill excavations during the installation and repair of storm drain pipe. This material is essential to perform storm drain pipeline work as it is the best backfill material available and is a proven commodity for this purpose.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

#### PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty eight notices were sent, including three WBE firms. There were no MBE firms listed under this commodity. Three bids received, with no response from MBE or WBE firms.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 23% decrease to the last contract award in September 2006. Decrease in price can be attributed to the fact that flexible base is coming directly from manufacturer not through a distributor. JAE Construction was the previous vendor.

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Watershed Protection recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.