

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 24, 2011

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 30**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, INC., Buda, TX for the supply of Wallace and Tiernan replacement and repair parts for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$360,000, with three 12-month extension options in amounts not to exceed \$120,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$720,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$70,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the twenty-nine remaining 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:** Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer/974-2035

**Purchasing Language:** Sole bid 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 establishes a reliable source of supply for various types of replacement and repair parts such as gaskets, bearings, retaining rings, tubing, maintenance kits couplings, washers, belts, and clamps to be purchased on an as needed basis for the Austin Water Utility.

These parts are used to repair Wallace & Tiernan equipment. Some of the equipment is used in the treatment of water to ensure safe drinking water and other equipment is used in the treatment of wastewater. The Wallace & Tiernan equipment includes chlorinators, vacuum regulators, automatic switchover units, direct feed ammoniators, metering pumps, evaporators, lime slakers and solution feeders.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ninety notices were sent, including four MBEs and three WBEs. One bid was received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs. One "No Bid" response was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents no change in the discount offered from the last contract award March 2008.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Sole bid received. Environmental Improvements, Inc. is the current provider.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

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