

AGENDA



Thursday, March 24, 2011

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 31

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with FERGUSON WATERWORKS, Georgetown, TX for the supply of pipe adapters of various types and sizes for the for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$179,325.72, with three 12-month extension options in amounts not to exceed \$59,775.24 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$358,651.44.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$34,868.89 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: 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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract establishes an annual supply agreement for the supply of pipe adapters for the Austin Water Utility (AWU). The items will be purchased on an as needed basis and will be stored in the Austin Water Utility's South Warehouse and Central Store to be issued to line maintenance, construction and field services crews in water services installation and repair. These parts are necessary for AWU to be able to service new customers and repair existing customer lines as needed.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ninety-seven notices were sent, including two MBEs and three WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs. One "No Bid" response was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents an approximate 20% increase from the last contract award February 2007. This increase can be attributed to the rising costs in steel and other metals.

**APPROVAL
JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received. Ferguson Waterworks is not 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.