

A G E N D A



RCA - Purchasing	Austin City Council	Item ID:	6503
Meeting Date:	June 9, 2011		
Department:	Purchasing		
Subject			
Authorize award and execution of a 12-month service contract with USA ENVIRONMENTAL, LP, Houston, TX for the de-scaling of solids contact clarifier mechanisms at Ullrich Water Treatment Plant for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$170,340, with two 12-month extension options in amounts not to exceed \$128,240 and \$112,145 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$410,725.			
Amount and Source of Funding			
Funding in the amount of \$140,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the 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.			
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid of two bids received.		
Prior Council Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.		
For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer /974 2035		
Boards and Commission Action:			
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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.		
Related Items:			
Additional Backup Information			
<p>This contract establishes an annual agreement to fully de-scale solids contact clarifier mechanisms at the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant for the Austin Water Utility Department. The Ullrich Water Treatment Plant is one of the two lime softening water treatment plants that provide drinking water for the City of Austin. The water softening process is achieved in the clarifiers by reacting lime slurry with the naturally occurring hardness in the water and causing precipitation of calcium carbonate. After years of operation, a scale layer of approximately 0.25 to 2 inches thick forms over all submerged surfaces of the clarifiers. Over a three year period, the contractor shall descale all mechanical components of seven basins in three different sizes by means of hydro blasting.</p>			
MBE/WBE solicited: 10/5		MBE/WBE bid: 0/0	

BID TABULATION
IFB No. SSC0144
DE-SCALE SOLIDS CONTACT CLARIFIERS
(7 line items)

VENDOR

TOTAL PRICE

USA ENVIRONMENT, LP
Houston, Texas

\$410,725.00

ANCON SERVICE COMPANY
LaPorte, Texas

\$810,520.00

A copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred-forty notices were sent, including ten MBEs and five WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. This type of service has been done as a spot purchase in the past; therefore, there is no pricing history.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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