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## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	7556	Agenda Number	53.
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Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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## Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements contract with NORIT AMERICAS, INC., Marshall, TX, for the purchase of powdered activated carbon for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,292,600, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$646,300 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,585,200.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$53,859 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the twenty-three 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 meeting specification of five bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer/974 2035
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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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.
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Related Items:	
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## Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide the Austin Water Utility (AWU) with a readily available supply of powdered activated carbon that will be purchased on an as needed basis. Powdered activated carbon is a non-toxic water treatment chemical used to control taste and odor in the treatment of tap water. This chemical has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**  
IFB No. SSC0139  
POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON  
(520 tons)

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL ANNUAL BID</u></b>
Norit Americas, Inc. Marshall, Texas	\$646,300
F2 Industries, LLC Smyrna, Tennessee	\$624,000*
Jacobi Carbons, Inc. Columbus, Ohio	\$696,400*
Calgon Carbon Corporation Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	\$762,300*
Standard Purification Dunnellon, Florida	**

\*Vendors products did not pass the laboratory tests outlined in the specification.

\*\*Bidder submitted alternate bids.

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. Ninety-four notices were sent, including three MBEs and two WBEs. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs. Two "No Bid" responses were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents an approximate 10% increase from the last contract award March 2008.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest responsive bid received. Norit Americas, 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.