

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	7575	Agenda Number	61.
Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with CARBONITE FILTER CORPORATION, Delano, PA, for the purchase of anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$278,004, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$139,002 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$556,008.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$11,584 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 four bids received.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer/974 2035			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.			
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.			
Related Items:				

### Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide the Austin Water Utility (AWU) with a readily available supply of anthracite filter material that will be purchased on an as needed basis. The anthracite filter materials will be used to remove suspended particulate materials from water in the treatment process before use as Type 1 Reuse water or discharge into the Colorado River.

The filtration process is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The product being supplied complies with the latest revision of American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard B100-01.

MBE /WBE solicited: 3/2

MBE /WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**  
IFB No. SSC0147  
ANTHRACITE FILTER MATERIAL

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL ANNUAL BID</u></b>
Carbonite Filter Corporation Delano, Pennsylvania	\$139,002.00
Unifilt Corporation Ellwood City, Pennsylvania	\$144,699.00
CEI Anthracite Hazleton, Pennsylvania	\$ 78,000.00*
SNR Technologies Katy, Texas	\$123,900.00**

\* Vendor did not bid a delivered price.

\*\* Vendor's bid took exception to the requirements of the specification.

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-three notices were sent, including three MBEs and two WBEs. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an approximate 34% increase from the last contract award June 2008. This increase is due in part to the increased labor rates for the extraction process and the increase in fuel costs for transportation.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received. Carbonite Filter Corporation 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.