

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	23533	Agenda Number	38.
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Meeting Date:	April 25, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month service contract with RJN GROUP, INC. or one of the other qualified bidders for IFB-BV GAL0047, for the purchase of wastewater flow monitoring services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$525,390, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$525,390 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,576,170.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$218,913 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining seven 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:	Best evaluated bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gage Loots, Senior Buyer/512-972-4009
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Boards and Commission Action:	April 10, 2013 - Approved by the Water & Wastewater Commission on a 5-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (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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**Additional Backup Information**

This contract with RJN Group, Inc. is to provide wastewater flow monitoring services for the Austin Water Utility (AWU). These services are to monitor flow in the wastewater system and to use the data to investigate inflow and infiltration, calibrate hydraulic models, and serve as a warning tool for wastewater mains that are surcharged and are potential wastewater overflows. In order to calibrate the hydraulic tool model, it is vital for the AWU to obtain a large amount of accurate data during dry weather and especially during wet weather events.

During the life of this contract the contractor will provide the services to 44 flow meter locations. The contractor will provide and install a flow meter system that consists of a flow meter logger, sensor, remote terminal unit, modem, power source and associated barriers for an intrinsically safe environment.

In order to determine the best-value to the City, evaluation criteria included cost, experience, equipment resources, personnel qualifications and local business presence. The evaluation team chose RJN Group, Inc. as the overall best-value to the City based on these criteria and specifically noted their large quantity of qualified personnel to be assigned to this contract and extensive relevant experience including large and recent projects.

This request allows for the execution of a contract with a bidder, who provides the best value to the City, that Council selects. If this bidder does not execute a contract with the City, staff will return to Council so that Council may select another best value bidder and authorize a contract with this bidder.

MBE/WBE solicited: 7/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**

IFB-BV No. GAL0047

Wastewater Flow Monitoring Services  
(15 line items)

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bid Amount □ 12 months</u></b>
Burgess & Niple, Inc. Austin, TX	\$489,656.68
Utility System Science & Software, Inc. Santa Ana, CA	\$494,160.00
<b>RJN Group, Inc.</b> Austin, TX	<b>\$525,390.00</b>
Interra Hydro, Inc. Austin, TX	\$592,000.00

A complete 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 ten notices were sent, including seven MBE and two WBE. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

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