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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	32687	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	May 15, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with BRENN TAG SOUTHWEST, INC. for sodium chloride (bulk) for the Austin Water Utility to be used at Water Treatment Plant 4, in and amount not to exceed \$292,800 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$146,400 per extension option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$585,600.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$61,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the nineteen-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 received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 512-972-0047
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on March 12, 2014 on a 6-0-1-0 vote with Commissioner Clark abstaining.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (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 Brenntag Southwest, Inc. is for the purchase of sodium chloride to be delivered and stored on an as needed basis for use at Water Plant 4 for the Austin Water Utility. The product is used to generate sodium hypochlorite solution which will be used as the disinfectant for the drinking water produced at Plant 4.

The Sodium Chloride is in compliance with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standards for sodium chloride as contained in AWWA B200 Standard Publications and National Sanitary Foundation (NSF) Standard 60.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. STA1105
Sodium Chloride (Bulk)
(1 line item (800 Tons))

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Brenntag Southwest, Inc. Houston, TX	\$183.00	\$146,400.00
Morton Salt, Inc. Chicago, IL	\$184.15	\$147,320.00
Salt Exchange, Inc. San Antonio, TX	\$287.00	\$229,600.00

NOTE: Complete copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FSD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Seventeen notices were sent, with no MBE or WBE firms listed for this commodity. Three bids were received, with no MBE or WBE firms responding.
- This is the first time this product has been purchased; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Low bid.
- The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.