

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

46313

Agenda Number

34.

Meeting Date:

June 18, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

## Subject

Authorize award and execution a 24-month contract with UNIFILT CORPORATION for the purchase of anthracite filter material for Austin Water in an amount not to exceed \$191,552, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$95,776 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$383,104.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$7,981 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining 23-months of the initial contract period and extension options are contingent upon funding in future budgets.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Purchasing  
Language:**

Lowest bid received for anthracite filter material. Current contract expires September 11, 2015.

**Prior Council  
Action:**



**For More  
Information:**

Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 512-972-0047

**Boards and  
Commission  
Action:**

June 10, 2015 – Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commission Castleberry and Vice-Chair Lee absent.

**Related Items:**

**MBE / WBE:**

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. Per the City's Small and Minority Business Resources Department, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

## Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide Austin Water with a readily available supply of anthracite filter material that will be purchased on an as needed basis and delivered to the Davis Water Treatment Plant and Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The anthracite filter materials will be used to remove suspended particulate matter from the water as a part of the treatment process.

The Environmental Protection Agency and The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require filtration as part of drinking water treatment. The wastewater needs to be filtered to be suitable for reuse. The product being supplied complies with the American Water Works Association Standard B100 and the National Sanitation Foundation Standard 61 for indirect additives.

This will replace contract GA11000095 which expires September 11, 2015.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**

IFB No. STA1157

ANTHRACITE FILTER MATERIAL

(2 line item)

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Unifilt Corporation Elwood City, PA	\$95,775.80
Carbon Activated Corp Phoenix, AZ	\$97,500.00
Carbonite Filter Corp. Delano, PA	\$98,835.60
Carbonfilt, LLC Venice, CA	\$99,057.20
SNR Technologies, LLC Katy, TX	\$101,840.20
S4 Water Sales & Services LLC Bowling Green, KY	\$109,900.00

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website at: [http://ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/solicitation/search.cfm](http://ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/search.cfm)

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 88 notices were sent, including one MBE and two WBE firms. Six bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs. Two "NO BID" responses were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents an approximate 5% decrease from the previous contract awarded September 2011.

This has been determined as a fair price since there has been a 10% increase in the cost for processed anthracite.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Low bid.
- b. Unifilt Corporation is not the current provider of the product.
- c. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- d. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the internet.
- e. Anthracite filter material is used the water treatment process. The current contract expires September 11, 2015.