



**Purchasing Supply Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with CARBONITE FILTER CORPORATION, Delano, PA for anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility, in an amount not to exceed \$74,700, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$74,700 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$224,100.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$56,025 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining three 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.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:for Austin Water Utility; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-202; Virginia Soto, Contract Compliance Specialists/972-0337

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Low bid of four bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the 1996 MBE/WBE Ordinance, as amended. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract establishes a supply agreement with Carbonite Filter Corporation to provide anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility. The City uses dual media filters in the final treatment process of drinking water. The City's process utilizes sand and anthracite for its filters. The filters catch the very small particulates that don't settle throughout the rest of the treatment process. The filter material will be delivered to and used at Green and Davis Water Treatment plants.

This filtration process is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the treatment of drinking water. The anthracite filter material supplied by the vendor is in compliance with American Water Works Association (AWWA) B100-96, which is the standard for filter materials, and American National Standard Institute/National Sanitation Foundation (ANSI/NSF) Standard 60 and 61 which governs the use of direct and indirect additives for the treatment of drinking water. Carbonite Filter Corporation held the previous contract for anthracite filter material.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1 / 2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION
(300Tons/Anthracite Filter Material)
IFB No. SA04100003**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Carbonite Filter Corp. Delano, PA	\$249.00	\$74,700.00
Unifilt Corp. Fombell, PA	\$277.00	\$83,100.00
American Materials Corp Eau Claire, WI	\$278.67	\$83,601.00
Klenzoid Equipment Co. Blue Bell, PA	\$295.00	\$88,500.00

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-seven notices were sent including one MBE and two WBE firms. Eleven bids were issued none of which were to MBE/WBE firms. Four bids were received and one "No Bid".
- c. The previous contract unit price bid in 2002 was \$215 per ton. In a unit price comparison this contract unit price of \$249 per ton represents an increase of 14% per ton. This can be attributed to increased fuel and material costs. In addition, the contract is for 30 tons less than the previous contract.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bidder.
- b. The Austin Water Utility concurs with the recommended award herein.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.