



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with BOC GASES INC, Lebanon, NJ, for liquid carbon dioxide for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$154,720, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$154,720 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$464,160.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$51,573 is available in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining eight months of the original contract period and extension option 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, 974-2021

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontract opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract establishes an annual supply agreement with BOC Gases to provide liquid carbon dioxide for the Austin Water Utility. Liquid carbon dioxide is used to stabilize the drinking water during treatment to prevent calcium carbonant or scale from being deposited in the distribution system. The liquid carbon dioxide will be delivered to and used at the Ullrich and Davis Water Treatment Plants.

The product complies with the American Water Works Association Standard B510, which is the standard for liquid carbon dioxide used for the treatment of drinking water. It also meets National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60 which governs the use of direct and indirect additives for the treatment of drinking water.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0



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BID TABULATION

(1,934 tons Liquid Carbon Dioxide)
IFB No. SA05100040

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
BOC Gases Lebanon, NJ	\$80	\$154,720
Airgas-Southwest Austin, TX	\$120	\$232,080

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Seven solicitations were sent. There were no MBE or WBE firms listed under this commodity. Two bids were received.
- In comparison to the previous contract awarded in February 2002, this contract represents a 19% increase. This can be attributed to the rising cost in chemicals and transportation.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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