



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with ALLIED TUBE & CONDUIT, Harvey, IL, for square steel posts, anchors and fasteners in an amount not to exceed \$126,752, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$126,752 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$380,256.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$21,125 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department. Funding for the remaining ten 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
DEPARTMENT: for Transportation,
Planning and
Sustainability;

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: RC Hernandez, Senior Buyer/974-6434

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid meeting specifications of four 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 subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract establishes a supply agreement for square steel posts, anchors and fasteners for traffic signs installed by the Transportation, Planning & Sustainability Department/Traffic Signals & Control Division. Materials will be stored at a warehouse located at 400 Jesse Street, Austin, TX 78704.

This contract is to provide a reliable supply source for the purchase of hardware used daily for the installation of traffic signs on City right of way. Traffic signs provide information to all road users regarding traffic laws, road conditions and guidance information contributing to a safe and efficient transportation system, for example: Stop, Yield, Speed limit, School Zone and Street Name signs. The traffic signs support system consists of steel square posts, anchors and fasteners. The steel posts included in this contract meet the breakaway sign support requirement of the Federal Highway Administration. Post and anchors assemblies are used in installation and repairs of damaged signs. Every year the Traffic Signs section of the Transportation, Planning, and Sustainability Department installs and maintains more than 13,000 traffic signs throughout the City of Austin.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0



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BID TABULATION

**SQUARE STEEL POSTS, ANCHORS AND FASTNERS
IFB No: RH04100065
(16 Line Items)**

Vendor	Extended Price
ALLIED TUBE & CONDUIT Harvey, Illinois	\$126,752
Xcessories Squared Auburn, Illinois	\$140,500
Centerline Supply, LTD Grand Prairie, Texas	\$160,676
Northwest Pipe Company Houston, Texas	\$124,676*

*Did not meet specification as required by the solicitation.

Complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Thirty-nine notices were sent including one MBE and one WBE. Six solicitations were issued with no MBE/WBEs. Four bids were received with no MBE/WBEs responding.
- The previous contract awarded March 2002 average unit price was \$7.05, new contract average unit price bid of \$12.62. This represents an approximate increase of 79%, which can be attributed to the rise in cost of iron. Cost for iron has increased from \$89 per ton to \$300 per ton in the last six months.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Lowest bidder meeting specification.
- Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department concurs with the recommended award.
- Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.