



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with INFORMATION STATION SPECIALISTS, Zeeland, MI, for the purchase of two portable highway advisory systems for the Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department in the amount of \$63,160.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department.

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: Barbara McConnell, Buyer 1/972-4009

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 subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of two portable highway advisory radio systems (HAR) for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (formerly TPSD). Each unit is a portable solar-powered or battery-operated advisory radio station that can be placed along thoroughfares to inform motorists to tune to certain radio frequencies for information about roadway and weather conditions. This will alert motorists about upcoming work zones, road closings, inclement weather, traffic, and other pertinent information. These units broadcast in the AM band from 530 kHz to 1700 kHz.

The HAR units will support the business plan goals of Watershed Protection and Development Review to provide safe and efficient multi-modal transportation infrastructure and optimize utilization of existing roadway capacity.

There is a companion item for four portable changeable message signs to be used for traffic control purposes during traffic accidents, construction, special events, and any other incidents that may require special traffic control devices. The PCM signs are electrically operated by solar-powered battery and include a microwave detection option (speed radar).

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0



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BID TABULATION
PORTABLE HIGHWAY ADVISORY RADIO SYSTEMS/QTY 2
IFB NO. BM04100033

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
INFORMATION STATION SPECIALISTS Zeeland, MI	\$63,160
Highway Information Systems Durham, NC	\$68,274

A complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Fifteen notices were sent, including one MBE and no WBEs. Two solicitations were issued including no MBE/WBEs. Two bids were received with no MBE/WBEs responding. Two bids were downloaded from the City website.
- This is the first solicitation for the purchase of this equipment; therefore, there is no bid history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Low bid.
- Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department concurs with the recommended award.
- Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.