



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 35
AGENDA DATE: Thu 01/26/2006
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SUBJECT: Authorize the ratification of an emergency purchase with BENITEZ CONSTRUCTION INC., Manor, TX, (MBE/MH), for the repair of a section of 15-inch diameter concrete wastewater main in an amount not to exceed \$47,250.00

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Wastewater Improvement Funds.

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: Emergency Purchase

MBE / WBE: N/A

This contract was for the emergency repair of a 15-inch diameter concrete wastewater main along a tributary of Shoal Creek and adjacent to Northcross Drive that was in imminent danger of collapsing. A portion of this line failed in late October and a temporary repair was made, but additional failure could have occurred at anytime. Erosion of the stream bottom has exposed this pipe which led to the failure. In order to avoid the danger of immediate collapse, approximately 50 linear feet of the wastewater main had to be replaced in addition to some minor stream stabilization. Due to limited staff available, the scope of work required was beyond the capabilities of the Utility's workforce.

A permanent, long-term solution to the situation is under design as part of the Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP).

BID TABULATION

VENDOR
BENITEZ CONSTRUCTION INC.
MANOR, TX

TOTAL BID
\$47,250.00

Cash Construction Company, Ltd.
Pflugerville, TX

\$49,405.00



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Chris Lippe, P.E., Director
Austin Water Utility

DATE: November 30, 2005

SUBJECT: Repair of 15-inch Wastewater main at 7744 Northcross Drive

A section of 15" wastewater main crossing a creek along Northcross Drive has collapsed. The Utility has instituted temporary by-pass pumping to keep additional sewage from entering the creek. In order to permanently repair the failure, a new section of main, as well as culverts to support the main, will have to be installed across the creek. The Utility does not have the workforce available to make these repairs. An Emergency Affidavit has been executed and a contractor is on site. Work will be complete in less than a week. We anticipate that the cost of this emergency contract will require City Council ratification which will be requested as soon as this repair is completed.

If you receive citizen inquiries concerning our activities in the area, please direct them to Matt Cullen, 972-0250 for more information.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Chris Lippe, P.E., Director
Austin Water Utility

xc: Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager
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