

**Purchasing Service Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN**

**AGENDA #41
DATE: 4/20/2006**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Authorize the execution of a 12-month supply agreement with CARBONITE FILTER CORPORATION, Delano, PA, for the purchase of anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility, in an amount not to exceed \$88,200 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$88,200 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$246,600.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$36,750 is available in the FY 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining seven 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 Department: Purchasing

For More Information: Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2021

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of three 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 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. Dual media filters are a process which uses two types of filter media. In this case the City uses sand and anthracite for its filters. The filters catch the very small particulates that do not settle through-out the rest of the treatment process. The filter material will be delivered to and used at Green, Davis and Ullrich Water Treatment plants. The filtration process is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the treatment of drinking water.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/2 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-nine notices were sent including one MBE and two WBEs. Seven solicitations were issued with no MBEs/WBEs. Three bids were received. Two "No Bids" were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 15% increase to the last contract award in January 2004. This can be attributed to the increases in fuel and material cost.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bidder.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.

BID TABULATION
(300 Tons/Anthracite Filter Material)
IFB No. SA06100042

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Carbonite Filter Corp. Delano, PA	\$294.00	\$88,200.00
Klenzoid Equipment Company Blue Bell, PA	\$378.36	\$113,508.00
Prominent Systems Inc. Covina, CA	\$532.50	\$156,555.00