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Thursday, June 8, 2006

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**Purchasing Service Agreement
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
ACTION**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with HACH CO-LACHAT INSTRUMENTS, Loveland, CO., for the purchase of a flow injection auto-analyzer for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$59,990.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Stephen Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer; 974-2021

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Sole bid.

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 purchase.

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

This contract is for the purchase of a Lachat Quickchem 8500 flow injection auto-analyzer for the Austin Water Utility's Laboratory Services Division. The instrument has the capability of automatically producing multiple parameter results simultaneously from the same sample. The auto-analyzer will be used at the Environmental Laboratory to analyze water quality samples for constituents including Nitrate, Nitrite, Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Phosphorus and Ammonia. Currently the laboratory has an auto-analyzer that was purchased in August 2001. With two of these units in place the laboratory can interchange the chemistry modules, will not have to purchase new modules and will be able to analyze samples more efficiently.

MBE/WBE sent: 0/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

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PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Sole bid received. Bid notices were sent to known analyzer manufacturers and

distributors. Vendors were either unable to provide an analyzer that would meet the minimum specifications, or they did not provide this type of product.

b. Nineteen notices were sent. There were no MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity. Three solicitations were issued. One No Bid was received. One bid was received.

c. The pricing offered represents a 20% decrease from the last purchase made August 2001.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

b. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.