

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 52

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with TRAILERS OF TEXAS, INC., Houston, TX, for the purchase of one vacuum tank trailer in an amount not to exceed \$57,400.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

Additional Backup Material (click to open)

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For More Information: Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

Purchasing Language: Sole bid received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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 one new vacuum loading water tank trailer to be assigned to the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (WPDRD).

Currently, the Field Operations Division of WPDRD uses vacuum tank trucks to remove collected stormwater runoff from curb inlets and underground pipelines in the City's storm drain infrastructure system. The material is then hauled to a dewatering facility at the Townview Service Yard. The water is settled, filtered and then hauled to the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant inlet works. This process requires an average of eight loads per month.

With the purchase of the vacuum loading tank trailer, one haul tractor can pull this tank trailer to remove the same amount of water from the dewatering facility in one-third the number of trips and allow the vacuum tank trucks to continue the normal work of cleaning drainage pipelines and inlets. The tank trailer is equipped with a pump and a pressurized discharge nozzle that will allow this water to also be used to irrigate revegetated areas as a result of areas disturbed by field crews performing various types of drainage maintenance work.

PRICE ANALYSIS a. Sole bid. Other potential bidders were contacted and there are no other known manufacturers of this type trailer. b. Fifty-three notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs for these commodities. Three solicitations were issued. One bid was received. c. This is the first purchase of this type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a. Watershed Protection & Development Review Department concurs with the recommended award. b. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.

CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

08/10/2006

WHERE ON AGENDA:

DEPARTMENT:

Watershed Protection & Development Review

Description: Authorize award and execution of a contract with TRAILERS OF TEXAS, INC., Houston, TX, for the purchase of one vacuum tank trailer in an amount not to exceed \$57,400.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Name:

Maintenance Equipment Replacement

Project Authorization:

2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget

Funding Source:

Drainage Utility Funding

Fund/Agency/Orgn:

4850-617-7003

Total Current Appropriation \$8,741,862.00

Unencumbered Balance \$368,835.00

Amount of this Action (\$57,400.00)

Remaining Balance \$311,435.00

Financial Approval: Joyce Pulich Date: 07/28/06