

# A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 24, 2006

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### Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 37

**Subject:** Authorize execution and award of a contract with CARBONITE FILTER CORPORATION, Delano, PA, for the purchase of anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$101,010.

**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.

#### Additional Backup Material

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[Carbonite Bid Tab  
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**For More Information:** Steve Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021.

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of five bids 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 300 tons of anthracite filter material for the Austin Water Utility's Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The anthracite filter material will be used to remove suspended particulate material from water in the treatment process before use as drinking water or discharge into the Colorado River.

The filtration process is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The product being supplied complies with the latest revision of American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard B100-01.

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

**PRICE ANALYSIS** a. Adequate competition. b. Twelve solicitations were sent including one MBE and two WBE firms. Five bids were received with no response from the MBE/WBEs. One "No Bid" was received. c. The pricing offered represents a 26% increase to the last contract awarded January 2004. This can be attributed to the increases in fuel and material cost.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION** a. Lowest bid. b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award. c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.

**AGENDA DATE: 08/24/06**

**VENDOR NAME: Carbonite Filter Corporation**

**BID TABULATION**

IFB No. SA06100092A  
Anthracite Filter Material  
(Qty-300 Tons)

| <b><u>Vendor</u></b>                         | <b><u>Unit Price Per Ton</u></b> | <b><u>Total Price</u></b> |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Carbonite Filter Corp.<br/>Delano, PA</b> | <b>\$336.70</b>                  | <b>\$101,010</b>          |
| Klenzoid Equipment Company<br>Blue Bell, PA  | \$346.50                         | \$103,950                 |
| Unifilt Corporation<br>Fombell, PA           | \$379.00                         | \$113,700                 |
| Prominent Systems Inc.<br>Covina, CA         | \$425.25                         | \$127,575                 |
| Apfelbaum Industrial<br>El Paso, TX          | \$525.00                         | \$157,500                 |