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AGENDA



Thursday, August 24, 2006

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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 56

Subject: Authorize execution and award of a 12-month requirements service Interlocal Agreement with THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY, Austin, TX, for water pollutant analysis services for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$260,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$260,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,040,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$21,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding for the remaining 11 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.

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

For More Information: R. C. Hernandez, Senior Buyer, 974-6434
Purchasing Language: Interlocal Agreement.

This contract is to provide water testing services on an as needed basis for pollutants and toxic substances in environmental samples taken by the City including natural surface water and groundwater, drinking water, wastewater, and wastewater sludges.

The City has water quality monitoring requirements under state law, Council directives, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Plan for Barton Springs Pool, and a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit, to determine actions protective of the environment and the citizens of the City of Austin. The three primary water quality sampling programs include:

a) baseflow monitoring program of surface waters (creeks and lakes), b) groundwater monitoring program (springs) with extensive parameter suites for some samples, and c) stormwater runoff monitoring during rainfall events for data used to develop and support City code, evaluate Best Management Practices (BMP) performance, and to meet state and federal permit requirements.

In addition, sampling is required by future unanticipated spills, releases or other events that may impact the environment, and to obtain data that may be used for determination of enforcement actions.

Ongoing sampling programs have quality assurance/quality control requirements which may vary depending on whether the data is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for use in statewide water quality assessments or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for support of endangered species conservation programs.

Regulatory guidance and method improvements have increased the requirements for laboratory performance measures, and the scope of capabilities required by the City has expanded. Contract laboratory services are thus required to meet quality assurance objectives and to obtain timely analysis

results.