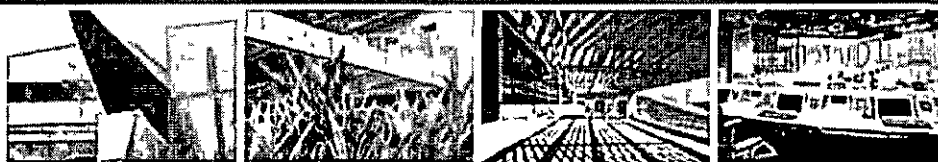


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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Subject Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with GT Distributors, Inc , Austin, TX, for parts and accessories for Whelen light bars in an estimated amount not to exceed \$75,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$75,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$375,000

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$56,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Approved Operating Budget of Communication & Technology Management Funding for the remaining three 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

(click to open)

No Attachments Available

For More Information Barbara McConnell, Buyer1/972-4009

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 Whelen brand parts and accessories for the Wireless Communication Services Division (WCSD) WCSD is responsible for maintaining the Whelen brand light bars that are installed on public safety vehicles operated by various City departments The purpose of these light bars is to alert traffic of potentially hazardous conditions, fast-moving vehicles, and lane closures, therefore, the safety of drivers and officers depends on the optimal functioning of these light bars

MBE/WBE solicited 0/2 MBE/WBE bid 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS a Sole bid Potential bidders were contacted to ask why they did not submit a bid Responses included "unable to provide all items at this time", "no longer in business" and "out of state - not feasible to submit a bid" b Thirty-nine notices were sent including two WBEs Six solicitations were issued One bid was received with no response from WBEs c The pricing offered reflects a 3.6% increase to the last contract award in July 2005

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a Sole bidder b The Purchasing Office concurs with the Communication and Technology Management's recommended award c Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet