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AGENDA



Thursday, January 11, 2007

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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 43

Subject Authorize award and execution of a contract with LONE STAR BMW TRIUMPH, Austin, TX, for the purchase of 21 replacement police motorcycles in an amount not to exceed \$457,380

Amount and Source of Funding Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Vehicle Acquisition Fund of the Financial and Administrative Services Department

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 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 21 replacement police motorcycles that will be assigned to the Austin Police Department for use in traffic enforcement. The City currently has 73 police motorcycles in the Austin Police Department fleet. Motorcycles are used by police officers to run radar, investigate traffic accidents, and as traffic escorts for approximately 150 events per year that include parades, runs, various festivals, and political events.

This motorcycle is equipped with certain design features that make it the safest motorcycle in production. The R1200 RT-P model is lighter and more maneuverable than other makes of police motorcycles without any loss of the heavy-duty performance from the 110 horsepower, 1170 cc twin piston engine. The motorcycle has an integral ABS braking system that provides 20% better braking performance and is not available on any other police motorcycle currently in production. The integral ABS brake system links the front and rear wheel brake circuits that will apply the optimum amount of braking power to each wheel according to individual wheel load. This equates to better stopping ability without skidding. These motorcycles will replace 21 existing bikes that have been identified by Fleet Services as eligible for replacement since they have 60,000 miles of wear, and are no longer able to provide reliable front-line service.

PRICE ANALYSIS a. Sole bidder. This bike is equipped with the integral ABS braking system that is provided only by the manufacturer. The braking system on this motorcycle significantly reduces the possibility of skidding and loss of control for the rider, therefore, it offers the highest level of protection from injury or death to the rider and is necessary for health and safety reasons. BMW is the only known manufacturer producing this technology. Solicitations were sent to 10 BMW dealers in South-Central Texas. b. Ten solicitations were issued. No MBE/WBEs were available for this commodity. One bid was received. c. The pricing offered represents a 15% increase from the last purchase made in December, 2005. This increase can be attributed to increases in steel and plastics and is consistent with price increases for other motorcycle manufacturers.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a Sole bid b APD and Fleet Services concur with recommended award c
Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the internet