

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 12**

Subject: Authorize execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE with JOHNSON CONTROLS INC., Austin, TX for the Pump Station Improvements Project in the amount of \$399,848 plus a contingency of \$39,985 for a total amount not to exceed \$439,833.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Joe B. Smith, 972-0231; Sarah Terry, 974-7141; Felecia Shaw, 974-6017

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase through the LOCAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE. Johnson Controls Inc. is an approved vendor/contractor through the competitive procurement process authorized by Texas Statute, Local Government Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter F.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

There are several large water cooling pump motors at the Jollyville Pump Station. Motor cooling is accomplished by a closed loop system where water is circulated through the motors to dissipate heat. The heated water is then cooled by the cooling towers and recycled.

These cooling towers are over 20 years old and have exceeded their life expectancy. They are currently leaking beyond repair. Without the closed loop cooling towers, potable water will need to be circulated through the motors to keep them cool and then wasted to sanitary sewer. This project is to replace existing cooling towers to avoid wasting potable water.

Although no goals were established for this solicitation, the contractor was encouraged to make a Good Faith Effort to use available M/WBE certified firms. As a result, the contractor achieved 5.53% MBE and 2.25% WBE subcontractor participation. The Contractor submitted a Cooperative Purchases MBE/WBE Utilization Plan that was approved by the Department of Small & Minority Business Resources.