

AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 51

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with HILL COUNTRY FENCE, INC., Spicewood, TX, for the purchase and installation of fencing for three sites within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$263,012.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Wildland Conservation Fund of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of seven bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-D 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.

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

This contract is for the purchase and installation of approximately 23,300 linear feet of 9-foot game-proof fencing at three sites within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. The fencing is needed for security and deer exclusion in the Regional Section 10(a) permit for the preserves.

The Contractor will provide all equipment, materials, supplies, and labor required to install deer-proof fencing and pedestrian gates. This work includes a 3-year warranty for all materials and labor. The contract also includes services to remove and dispose of existing dilapidated fencing.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/5

MBE/WBE bid: 0/1

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Seventy-six notices were sent, including four MBEs and five WBEs. Seven bids were received, including one WBE. One "No Bid" response was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 5% decrease from a similar purchase made in February 2008.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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