Thursday, September 23, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 54

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with TEREX UTILITIES, San Antonio, TX for the purchase and installation of six mobile cranes on existing truck-mounted service bodies for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$56,880.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget 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 three bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 will provide for the purchase and installation of mobile cranes on six truck bodies in the service fleet of the Austin Water Utility's, Pipeline Operations. Five trucks have existing inoperable, damaged, or undersized cranes for the lifting capacity required for assigned tasks. These five trucks will have their existing cranes removed, the service body modified and/or reinforced and the new larger electric 3,200 pound telescoping mobile cranes installed. Additionally, one of the truck bodies without an existing crane will be modified to accept the new 3,200 pound mobile crane.

The new larger mobile cranes are required in order to complete job tasks such as lifting meter boxes, meter volts, and meter lids.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-one notices were sent, including two MBE firms. There are no known WBEs available for this service. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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