

AGENDA



Thursday, October 14, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 30**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with MERIDIAN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Columbia, MD for atropine and pralidoxime chloride injections for the Emergency Medical Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$63,552.60.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Emergency Medical Services Department.

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

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer, 974-2035

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of three bids 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 atropine and pralidoxime chloride injections for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department. These injections will be used by EMS paramedics providing an easy-to-use readiness solution for first responders in the event of a chemical nerve agent (CNA) attack or accidental exposure to organophosphorus insecticides. The Auto Injectors will be stored by Austin Travis County EMS as part of Homeland Security requirements.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-five notices were sent, including two MBEs. There are no known WBEs available for these commodities. Three bids were received, with no response from MBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of these products, therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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