

AGENDA



Thursday, November 18, 2010

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 35

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a service contract with EXCEL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC, Leander, TX for the replacement and installation of filter backwash valves and actuators for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$85,800.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010–2011 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Sole bid 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 is for the removal of 16 existing 8-inch backwash valves and actuators and the installation of 16 new 8-inch backwash valves and actuators at the Anderson Mill Wastewater Treatment Plant #3 located at 1050 Mellow Meadow Drive. The city acquired this facility through annexation of the Anderson Mill MUD. The valves and actuators are over 25 years old and have not been replaced since the facility was originally constructed in the 1980's.

The valves and actuators are critical for the operation of the filters at the treatment facility. Filter operation is critical to ensure Austin Water Utility meets TCEQ discharge permits requirement. The existing valves are at the end of their useful life and are not fully functional forcing plant staff to operate the filters manually.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. The bid was originally scheduled to open on August 17, 2010, however due to only one bid being received at the time the solicitation was extended to August 25, 2010 and again to September 2, 2010 in an effort to obtain additional competition. Two vendors stated they were unable to supply these products and installation services.
- b. One hundred fifty-one notices were sent including three MBEs and two WBEs. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs. Two "No Bid"s were received.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole 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.