Thursday, November 18, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 37

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, Round Rock, TX, for the purchase of ball and gate valves of various types and sizes for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$614,376, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$204,792 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1.228,752.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$170,660 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 26 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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 four 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.

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

This contract is for the supply of ball and gate valves of various types and sizes for the Austin Water Utility. The valves are used to control the flow of water in water and wastewater main lines. The valves will be purchased on an as needed basis and stocked at the Austin Water Utility's Webberville Center and South East Service Center Storeroom to ensure an adequate supply of valves are available for emergency repair and routine maintenance.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Seventy-two notices were sent, including two MBEs and one WBE. Four bids were received, with no reponse from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an 11% increase to the last contract awarded in September 2007. This increase can be attributed to the rise in manufacturing and metal costs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bids received. HD Supply Water Works is the current providers of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended awardees.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.