

AGENDA



Thursday, November 18, 2010

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Item No. 39

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with THOMAS CONVEYOR COMPANY, Burleson, TX for the fabrication and delivery of lime slurry grit removal systems for the Austin Water Utility, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$199,488.

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: Lowest bid of two 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 fabrication and delivery of four lime slurry grit removal (LSGR) systems for the Austin Water Utility's Ullrich Water Treatment Plant. This purchase includes the purchase of miscellaneous and spare parts for the units. Upon completion of this project, all four systems will be identical with interchangeable parts.

A LSGR system is designed to remove insoluble material and grit from lime slurry produced by one lime slaker and convey the grit to a hopper designed to direct the material to a solids conveying eductor. The solids conveying eductor will then transfer the material to a truck for disposal. Ullrich Water Treatment Plant currently owns and operates a prototype of the systems being purchased. They have five lime slakers with the prototype system installed in one of them. The four units that are being purchased will be installed on the remaining four lime slakers to complete the project.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-four notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for these commodities. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE. One "No Bid" response was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 10% decrease from the last purchase made in June 2009. This decrease can be attributed to Thomas Conveyor being the provider of the original prototype and less time will be required to complete the fabrication.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid of two bids 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.