

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 18, 2010

**Purchasing Office**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Item No. 46**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with LOADOMETER CORPORATION, Forest Hill, MD for the purchase of 16 portable wheel load scales for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$70,320.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department funded by the 2009 Department of Justice Assistance Grant Program.

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

**For More Information:** Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer /974-2035

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid meeting specification 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.

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This contract is for the purchase of 16 portable wheel load scales for the Austin Police Department's (APD) Highway Enforcement Unit. These scales will be utilized to enforce truck weight limits on public roadways and interstates within the City of Austin jurisdiction. They provide a convenient, portable and versatile method of determining the truck weight safely and accurately in all weather conditions and without the use of ramps.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 4/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-three notices were sent including four MBEs. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of this type of scale; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid meeting specification.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Police Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.