



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 37
AGENDA DATE: Thu 07/28/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize ratification of an emergency purchase contract with KOETTER FIRE PROTECTION OF AUSTIN LLC, Pflugerville, TX for the purchase and installation of a fire alarm control panel for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$137,900.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:for Austin Water Utility; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer/974-2021.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Low bid of two bids received.

MBE / WBE: Emergency Purchase.

This contract provides for the purchase and installation of a fire alarm control panel in the Austin Water Utility's (AWU) Waller Creek Center. The AWU's Waller Creek Center experienced a failure with part of the fire emergency monitoring system. This system monitors and automatically reports fire emergencies to the fire monitoring company and the Austin Fire Department so that fire response teams can immediately address the emergency to minimize damage to operations and limit loss of life or injury to AWU and Communications Technology Management staff who occupy the building on a 24 hour basis.

The failure of the system has left part of the roof, the penthouse, and the entire tenth floor, which includes critical server and various computer systems that are critical to many city operations, without fire monitoring and reporting capabilities. The City operations that could be affected in the event of an unreported fire emergency include 911 emergencies, 311 call systems, citywide computer and phone networks and other electric and water emergency reporting and tracking systems. Extensive damage to part or all of these systems could put the public at risk since major emergency systems could be out of service for extended repairs.

Due to the critical need for immediate repairs, this procurement is considered an emergency purchase and was exempt from normal purchasing procedures. Two local firms were contacted based upon historical knowledge of their ability to provide the product and services required to meet the City's immediate needs.



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BID TABULATION

VENDOR

**Koetter Fire Protection
Pflugerville, TX**

TOTAL COST

\$137,900.00

**SimplexGrinnell
Round Rock, TX**

\$139,000.00



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Chris Lippe, P.E., Director
Austin Water Utility

DATE: July 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Fire Alarm Control Panel Ratification

The Utility is requesting ratification by Council of the purchase and installation of a fire alarm control system. In response to an emergency situation due to the failure of fire alarm systems in the Waller Creek Center building, the Austin Water Utility (AWU) proceeded with an emergency purchase for the installation of a replacement fire alarm control panel and associated equipment.

The Waller Creek Center houses AWU staff during regular business hours as well as other City department personnel from Communication Technology Management and the Austin Police Department on a 24 hour basis. The Waller Creek Center also houses critical City computer systems that impact 911/311 call systems, citywide computer and phone networks, and other water emergency reporting and tracking systems. Extensive damage to these systems could put the public at risk, since major emergency systems could be out of service for extended repairs.

The fire alarm system monitors and automatically reports fire emergencies to the fire monitoring company and the Austin Fire Department so fire response teams can immediately address the fire emergency. Failure of the fire alarm systems in the Waller Creek Center will result in non-compliance with the City's Fire Regulations for high rise office buildings.

The purchase and installation of the fire alarm control system was considered an emergency due to the critical need for immediate repairs to restore the fire monitoring and reporting capabilities and the impact to critical citywide systems in the event of a fire emergency at Waller Creek Center.

Let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Chris Lippe, P.E., Director
Austin Water Utility

CIP FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

07/28/05
Resolution
Austin Water Utility

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name:	Water Improvements - Citywide
Project Authorization:	2004-05 Approved Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Current Revenue
Number:	3920 227 1018

Current Appropriation	\$ 109,619,949.00
Unencumbered Balance	23,413,476.98 *
Amount of This Action	<u>(68,950.00)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ 23,344,526.98</u>
Current Available Balance	\$ 24,593,890.43
Less Outstanding Commitments	<u>(1,180,413.45)</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Balance	<u>\$ 23,413,476.98 *</u>

Utility Finance:



David Anders, Utilities Finance Manager

Date: 7/12/05

REF. # 3920 227 7912

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name:	Wastewater Improvements- Citywide
Project Authorization:	2004-05 Approved Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Current Revenue
Number:	4480 237 2016

Current Appropriation	\$ 109,530,829.00
Unencumbered Balance	13,331,239.74 *
Amount of This Action	<u>\$ (68,950.00)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ 13,262,289.74</u>
Current Available Balance	\$ 14,248,178.74
Less Outstanding Commitments	<u>(916,939.00)</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Balance	<u>\$ 13,331,239.74 *</u>

Utility Finance: _____


David Anders, Utilities Finance Manager

Date: 7/12/05

REF. # 4480 237 9113