

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12139	Agenda Number	27.
Meeting Date:	January 26, 2012			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with VWR INTERNATIONAL, LLC, to provide laboratory chemicals used for water quality testing for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$190,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$95,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$380,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$71,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining fifteen 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.				
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid meeting specifications of two bids received.			
Prior Council Action:	[Redacted]			
For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer/974 2035			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.			
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.			
Related Items:	[Redacted]			

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide laboratory chemicals for the Laboratory Services Division of the Austin Water Utility (AWU). The chemicals used in the water quality laboratories must meet quality standards prescribed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved testing methodology.

Laboratory chemicals are used to prepare reagents and standards of precise content and strength, which are in turn, used in the performance of chemical and biological testing. The Austin Water Utility is required to provide testing services of raw water, drinking water, sewage, treated sewage, sewage treatment by-products, as well as industrial and commercial sewage samples for compliance with local, state, and federal mandates.

These chemicals will be purchased on an as needed basis and delivered to various laboratory sites by the vendor upon request by the laboratory.

MBE/WBE solicited: 5/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION
IFB No. SSC0140REBID
LABORATORY CHEMICALS
(\$95,000 estimated annual expenditures)
(20 Sample Items)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>FEE SCHEDULE</u> <u>% DISCOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL DISCOUNT</u> <u>PRICE FOR 18 ITEMS</u>
VWR INTERNATIONAL Suwanee, Georgia	9% - 90% Discount varies by product	\$1,124.00
FISHER SCIENTIFIC Hanover Park, Illinois	*	

*Vendor did not submit revised bid sheets issued in Addendum No. 1.

A copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty-six notices were sent, including 5 MBEs and 1 WBE. One responsive bid was received, with no response from the MBEs/WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents an approximate 64% overall decrease from the last contract award March 2008. This decrease can be attributed to lower list prices and a larger discount applied to all chemicals.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid meeting specifications. VWR International, LLC is not the current provider.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.