

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	14166	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	April 26, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirement supply contract with BRENTAG SOUTHWEST, INC., for sodium carbonate for the Austin Water Utility to be used at the package plants for water softening in an estimated amount not to exceed \$32,400 with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$10,800 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$64,800.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$6,300 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the twenty-nine remaining 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:	Sole bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer /974 2035
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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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Additional Backup Information

This contract establishes an annual supply agreement for the supply of sodium carbonate for the Austin Water Utility (AWU). This chemical is used for the PH adjustment at the AWU package plants. Sodium carbonate is also used as a coagulant or flocking agent to speed up the sedimentation process, which is the method used to remove particles from the water. When sodium carbonate is introduced into the water, a reaction is created that begins to draw impurities toward it and created little balls of collected material that will sink to the bottom of the tank.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**  
IFB No. SSC0179  
SODIUM CARBONATE  
(1 line item)

**VENDOR**

**TOTAL ANNUAL BID**

Brentag Southwest, Inc.  
Houston, Texas

\$10,800.00

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. Sole bid.
- b. Twenty-nine notices were sent, including one WBE. There were no known MBEs. One bid was received, with no response from the WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents an approximate 12% increase from the last contract award January 2011. This increase can be attributed to the industry-wide increase in chemicals.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Sole bid. Brentag Southwest, Inc. is 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.