

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	22209	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	April 25, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with M.E. SIMPSON CO., INC. to provide assessment of large diameter valves for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$320,985 with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$320,985 per option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$962,955.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$133,745 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining seven months of the initial contract period and extension options is contingent upon funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Stephen Aden, Purchasing Manager, 972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	April 10, 2013 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 5-0 vote.
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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 is to provide for the assessment and minor repairs of large diameter valves located throughout the City of Austin. During the course of this contract 1,735 large diameter valves will be assessed and repaired if necessary. Valve assessments shall include but not be limited to locating, accessing, marking and exercising each valve; cleaning out the valve box or vault; GPS mapping; database reporting; and minor valve repairs.

An estimated 25-50% of the large diameter valves (20 inches and larger) in the distribution system do not operate properly. The abundance of inoperable valves complicate routine and emergency operations, and increase AWU's inherent risk within the water distribution system, resulting in a higher number of customers without water, increase in potable water loss, and higher risk to property damage. Until an attempt to operate each valve is performed, the true magnitude of the problem remains unknown. The purpose of this valve assessment service contract will be to complete a physical condition assessment of AWU's large diameter valves and determine either what specific rehabilitation repairs are needed to bring each valve to a fully operable state or which valves require replacement. The repairs would be performed separately through a capital improvement project contract service contract, or by in-house crews.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/2

MBE/WBE bid:

BID TABULATION

IFB NO. STA1050

LARGE DIAMETER WATER VALVES ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
(23 Line-Items)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
M. E. Simpson Company, Inc. Valparaiso, IN	\$320,985.00
Wachs Valve and Hydrant Services, LLC Buffalo Grove, IL	\$346,222.50
Mueller Service Co. Plant City, FL	\$540,726.00

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-nine notices were sent including two WBE firms. There were no MBE firms listed for this service. Three bids were received with no response from the WBE firms.
- c. This is the first purchase of this type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bid 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.