

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	33769	Agenda Number	54.
Meeting Date:	June 26, 2014				
Department:	Purchasing				

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with GT DISTRIBUTORS, INC. for the purchase of Whelen Brand Parts and Accessories for mobile lighting and signaling equipment for the City of Austin Wireless Office in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$19,920 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budgets of various City departments. Funding for the remaining 9 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	Sole Bid received.		
Language:	Sole Did received.		
Prior Council			
Action:			
For More	Jonathan Harris, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512 974-1771		
Information:	Jonathan Flams, Senior Duyer Specialist, 312 974-1771		
Boards and			
Commission			
Action:			
Related Items:			
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned		
	and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting		
	opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.		
Additional Backup Information			

This contract will provide the Wireless Communication Services Division (WCSD) with a constant source of repair parts and replacements units for Whelen lightbars and accessories. WCSD is responsible for maintaining the Whelen brand light bars that are installed on public safety vehicles operated by various City departments. The purpose of these light bars is to alert traffic of potentially hazardous conditions, fast-moving vehicles, and lane closures; therefore, the safety of drivers and officers depends on the optimal functioning of these light bars. These parts and accessories will be ordered on an as-needed basis.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0 MBE/WBE bid: 0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. JXH0001 20 line items

<u>Vendor</u> <u>Total Bid Amount *</u> GT Distributors, Inc. \$42,945.68

GT Distributors, Inc. Austin, Texas

*Bid amount for evaluation purposes only, contract award amount was stated in the solicitation

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid received. Bid opening date was extended in an effort to get other firms to bid on the project and numerous firms contacted however they made a business decision not to submit.
- b. Ninety six notices were sent including four MBEs and one WBE. One bid was received, with no responses from MBE/WBE's.
- c. The pricing offered represents a decrease of 9% from the last contract awarded in January 2008.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid. GT Distributors is the current provider of this item.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with WCSD recommended award
- Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet