

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	41850	Agenda Number	19.
Meeting Date:	March 26, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution of a 36-month contract with WACHS WATER SERVICES to provide leak detection survey services in an amount not to exceed \$304,830, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$101,610 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$609,660.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$50,805 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Water. Funding for the remaining 30-months of the initial contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Irene Sanchez-Rocha, Senior Buyer, 512-972-0048			
Boards and Commission Action:	March 11, 2015 – Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote.			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.			
Additional Backup Information				

The contract with Wachs Water Services is to provide leak detection survey services of approximately 500 linear miles to the Austin Water Utility water distribution system. Leak detection survey services will target the water distribution system not presently covered on contract, and reported high water pipe break areas.

Austin Water is increasing efforts to identify leaks that are not currently surfacing or being reported to reduce the amount of actual losses. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to identify where leaks exist and notify Austin Water Utility dispatch immediately so that repairs can be made.

This contract shall replace expired contract NA110000142.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

ISR0006.

Leak Detection Services
(3 line items)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Wachs Water Services Buffalo Grove, IL	\$101,610
Matchpoint, Inc. Wilmington, NC	\$103,450
M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. Valparaiso, IN	\$141,800

(Note: Quantities and total bid shown above are for a 12 month period)

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website at: http://ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/search.cfm

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 65 notices were sent, including seven MBE and three WBE firms. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an average of 38% decrease from the previous contract awarded August 18, 2011. Contract price decrease is due to a reduction in unit price and a reduction in the miles being surveyed.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.