

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	47802	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	August 20, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize execution of a 12-month contract with INTERRA HYDRO, INC. to provide smoke testing services in an amount not to exceed \$127,850, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$127,850 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$383,550.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$10,654 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining 11-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 received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 512-972-0047
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Boards and Commission Action:	July 8, 2015 – Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 9-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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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.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide smoke testing of the sanitary sewer collection system pipes in the Harper's Branch and Fort Lower wastewater drainage basins for Austin Water. Smoke testing forces smoke-filled air through a sanitary sewer line. The smoke under pressure will fill the main line plus any connections and follow the path of any leak to the ground surface, quickly revealing the source of the problem. Only enough force to overcome atmospheric pressure is required.

The smoke that is used is endorsed by the Environmental Protection Agency and has been safely used for more than 20 years. The "smoke" is not true smoke, but rather a mist containing a large percentage of atmospheric moisture that is highly visible at low concentrations. It is not harmful to health, will not leave a stain, and will disappear rapidly without leaving odor.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/2

MBE/WBE bid: 1/1

**BID TABULATION**

**IFB No. STA1158**

**Smoke Testing Harper's Branch and Fort Lower Wastewater Basins  
(11 line item)**

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Interra Hydro, Inc. Austin, TX	\$127,850
Burgess & Niple, Inc. Austin, TX	\$138,800
Sewer System Evaluation, Inc. Chicago, IL	\$141,815
RJN Group, Inc. Austin, TX	\$244,850
All Points Inspection Services, Inc. (M/WBE) Austin, TX	*
Guerra Underground, LLC (MBE) Austin, TX	*

\*Bids were deemed non-responsive for not contacting Small Minority Business Resources to obtain compliance plan for proposed sub-contracting.

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website at: [https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/solicitation/search.cfm](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/search.cfm)

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 104 notices were sent, including three MBE and two WBE firms. Six bids were received, with one MBE and one M/WBE firm responding.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

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