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**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**ITEM No. 23**

**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with SUNEDISON, Baltimore, MD, for the purchase of up to 500 kilowatts (kW) of solar-generated power at the Austin Convention Center rooftop in an estimated amount not to exceed \$215,000, with 19 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$215,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$4,300,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding will be provided through the Electric Fuel Charge revenue.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup  
Material**

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No Attachments Available

**For More Information:** Art Acuna, Buyer II, 322 6307

**Purchasing Language:** Best evaluated proposal of 12 proposals received

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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. (Related to items #6, 24 and 40)

This contract will provide up to 500 kilowatts (kW) of solar power at the Austin Convention Center Rooftop. The solicitation permitted respondents to offer solar projects both in and out of the Austin area.

In 2003, the Austin City Council established a strategic energy policy for Austin Energy through the adoption of Resolutions 030828-38 and 030925-02. Resolution 030828-38 calls for the development and use of clean energy by Austin Energy. Resolution 030925-02 sets a goal that 20% of Austin Energy's generation resources be renewable energy sources by December 31, 2020. Clean energy from a renewable resource such as solar is an integral part of the strategic energy policy.

The recommended project will provide up to 500 kilowatts (kW) of roof-mounted photovoltaic (PV) systems in the Austin area and offers AE the opportunity to continue progress toward its renewable goal. The new solar capacity is expected to come online in 2008 and allows Austin Energy the opportunity to take advantage of the declining cost of solar technology while expanding and refining future solar projects to meet the City's clean energy goals.

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

**PRICE ANALYSIS** a. Adequate competition b. Thirty-two notices were issued. There are no known MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity code. Forty-seven solicitations were issued. Twelve proposals were received.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION** a. Best evaluated proposal. b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin

Energy's recommended award. d. Advertised in the Internet.

