

AGENDA



Thursday, June 7, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 39**

Subject: Approve the ratification of Amendment No. 3 to increase the contract amount with TAS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LP, Fort Worth, TX, for emergency soil remediation and spill response services in an amount not to exceed \$174,445, for a revised estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,751,138.80. **Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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

For More Information: Martha L. Gaines, Buyer II/322-6583

Purchasing Language: Critical Business Need.

MBE/WBE: This contract was 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.

Prior Council Action: 9/28/06, Approved 12-month contract, with four 12-month extension options.

On September 28, 2006, Council approved the execution of a 12-month service contract for emergency remediation and spill response services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$305,558.76, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$305,558.76 per each extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,527,793.80.

On February 23, 2007, a utility contractor encountered an oily substance while excavating for the water line improvements on City owned property at Seaholm Power Plant, known as the Wye Tract. Work was immediately stopped to allow for sampling and characterization of the substance. TAS Environmental Services, LP, Austin Energy's spill response contractor, mobilized to the site and provided trained personnel and equipment required to conduct site and equipment clean-up activities that would allow the utility contractor to proceed with their construction activities. TAS also provided oil and impacted soil management services to stage and segregate waste and provided waste disposal services.

The current contract did not include sufficient funding to absorb the cost of this emergency service and enable continuation of these services for other remediation services needed; therefore, a critical business need and ratification to the contract was necessary.