



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members
Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager

FROM: Juan Garza, General Manager
Austin Energy

DATE: March 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Critical Business Need for Emergency Response and Oil/Soil Management Services

Pursuant to City Council approved AE purchasing procedures, I am designating a contract with TAS Environmental Services, LP, as a critical business need.

On February 23, 2007, a utility contractor encountered an oily substance while excavating for the installation of water line improvements within the City-owned property known as the Wye Tract. Work was immediately stopped to allow for sampling and characterization of the substance. TAS Environmental Services, LP (TAS), Austin Energy's spill response contractor, mobilized to the site and between January 31st and February 27th, 2007, where they provided the trained personnel and equipment required to conduct site and equipment clean-up activities that would allow the utility contractor to continue with their construction activities. TAS also provided oil and impacted soil management services, to stage and segregate waste, and provided waste disposal services by providing equipment and roll-off containers for removal of the waste for proper disposal.

I recommended that Austin Energy acquire a contract with TAS Environmental Services, LP, in the amount of \$174,445 for emergency services and soil management services. Austin Energy will work with the Purchasing Department for execution of the contract, and will bring this item forward for consideration by the City Council in the near future. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 322-6002.

Juan Garza
General Manager
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