

AGENDA



Thursday, June 7, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 41**

Subject: Approve ratification of award and execution of a contract with WAUKESHA-PEARCE INDUSTRIES INC., Houston, TX, for the purchase and installation of a 400kW diesel power backup generator in an amount not to exceed \$90,472.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006–2007 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

Purchasing Language: Critical Business Need.

MBE/WBE: This contract was 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.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of one 400kW diesel powered backup generator. Town Lake Center (TLC) houses an information technology data center for Austin Energy. The telecom system is a major part of the data center, and is a critical function for Austin Energy. Furthermore, the backup generator will provide power to support 20 Call Center cubicles, and the Fuels Trading area, both of which are 24-hour critical functions of the Utility.

Austin Energy determined this purchase was a Critical Business Need to enable the timely purchase and installation caused by the failing of the existing backup generator during routine testing. The power generator will provide backup power to Town Lake Center in the event of an unexpected outage. Due to the critical need of a reliable backup generator, it was determined that a normal procurement process could not be followed and an abbreviated bidding process was used.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Three notices were sent. There are no MBE/WBEs for this commodity. Three bids were received.
- c. There is no pricing history available. The failed generator was acquired from Brackenridge Hospital.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid meeting specifications of three bids received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.