

AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 74

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirement supply contract with ALCAD STANDBY BATTERIES C/O WEISLER & ASSOCIATES, Houston, TX for battery banks in an estimated amount not to exceed \$165,766, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$165,766 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$663,064.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$165,766 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer, 322-6466

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specifications of seven bids 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.

This contract will provide six types and sizes of replacement 130 volt lead-acid battery banks with a minimum life expectancy of 20 years. A battery bank consist of 60 storage batteries. The batteries will provide an uninterrupted current supply for remote control, automatic indicating, protective and regulating apparatus, and emergency light and power if a fault should occur. These batteries will be installed throughout various substations on an as needed basis.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 2/3 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-five notices were sent, including two MBEs and three WBEs. Six bids were received, with no response from the MBEs or WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 23% increase to the last contract award in March 2004. This increase is due to higher costs in steel and transportation.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.