

AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 76

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with CORIX UTILITIES, INC., Milwaukee, WI, for meter reading services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$3,996,850, with five 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$3,996,850 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$23,981,100.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$999,212 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining nine months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

For More Information: Sandy Calles, Senior Buyer, 322-6487

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of three proposals received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be 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.

This is a performance-based services contract for the reading of electric and water utility meters for the City's service area. Corix will provide timely, accurate, and efficient readings on all assigned electric and water utility meters on a daily basis utilizing the Contractor's own private meter reading system and handheld data collection devices.

They will also provide some soft services such as rereads, read and change service orders, delivery of door hangers and other activities not involving energized-meters.

The Contractor's hardware and software will interface with the City's Orcom CIS billing system to upload the meter read data collected from Corix's own meter reading system to the City's data receiving system. The data collected by Corix will be used for billing the users of the electric and water utility services.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition
- b. Eight notices were sent. There are no known MBEs/WBEs. Three proposals were received.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.