

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 82

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with VANTAGE PUMP & COMPRESSOR, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of a starting air compressor to be installed on the gas turbine unit at the Decker Power Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$123,096,

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Sole bid received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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 purchase is for a reciprocating air compressor package to supply high-pressure, compressed air used for starting the Decker Gas Turbines. Due to frequent starting and stopping of the gas turbines, the existing air compressors have become unreliable and high maintenance items.

The new compressor is designed for continuous, "24 X 7" operation and will improve the reliability/availability of the gas turbines. Also, the addition of the compressor will allow greater dispatching flexibility by enabling more frequent gas turbine starts.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE responded: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Sole bid.

b. Twenty-five notices were sent. One bid was received. There are no MBEs/WBEs listed for this commodity code.

C This is the first purchase of a starting air compressor at the Decker Power Plant.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Sole bid. This is OEM replacement equipment manufactured by Gardner Denver Compressors. The bid is from Vantage Pump & Compressor, Ltd, the local authorized distributor, for Gardner Denver Compressors.

b. Austin Energy concurs with the Purchasing Office recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.