

## AGENDA



Thursday, April 5, 2007

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 60-month requirements service contract with SISK-ROBB, INC., Austin, TX, and AAR, INC., Houston, TX, for asbestos abatement needs in an estimated combined amount not to exceed \$3,875,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$137,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the budgets of various departments. Funding for the remaining 54 months of the original contract period 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:** Martha L. Gaines, Buyer II/322-6583

**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.

**Prior Council Action:** Best two evaluated proposals of five proposals received.

This contract will provide asbestos abatement services for Austin Energy (AE) and the Department of Public Works (PW). Austin Energy requires these abatement services at its industrial facilities such as Holly and Decker Power Plants. Disturbance of asbestos containing materials is regulated by the Texas Department of State Health Services and removal activities must be performed by a State of Texas licensed asbestos abatement contractor. Austin Energy finds it necessary to remove asbestos containing materials to facilitate maintenance activities and for health and safety of City employees. Accidental disturbance of this material makes it necessary to quickly obtain the services of an asbestos abatement contractor to cleanup contaminated areas.

The Department of Public Works requires asbestos abatement in public access facilities, operations and maintenance projects, and projects in occupied office buildings. It is necessary to remove asbestos containing materials to facilitate maintenance activities, to respond to accidental disturbances of asbestos containing materials, to assist other City departments with the timely removal of asbestos containing materials prior to the demolition of facilities, and to conform with the Texas Department of State Health Services. Asbestos abatement activities will be required for properties in the Onion Creek Voluntary Buyout Program and the abatement activities must be performed in the timeframe dictated by FEMA in order for the City to comply with their Grant. In order for the City to comply with State regulations, it is necessary to contract with State licensed contractors to perform the asbestos abatement and maintenance activities and to ensure the health and safety of all occupants to City owned and leased facilities.

The contractors selected will be working in industrial and/or non-industrial facilities for AE and PW. Work will range from the removal of asbestos containing floor tile and mastic to the abatement of asbestos containing insulation from vessels, boilers, piping, valves, flanges and other appurtenant equipment of

electric generating units. Abatement projects will be conducted in support of maintenance, renovation, emergency repair and/or demolition of City of Austin facilities.

Each individual project for both AE and PW will be awarded among this pool of suppliers based on established contract rates. Suppliers will be notified by fax or e-mail and allowed a walk-through of the affected facility. The suppliers will be required to fax their response to the appropriate project manager for AE or PW. The project will be awarded to the supplier with the lowest cost who is available for work.

Two evaluation teams were formed to evaluate each Request for Proposal. Each team was represented by employees from AE, PW, and the Purchasing Office. Evaluation of the contractors was based on their response to scenarios involving both types of work.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1

MBE/WBE proposed: 1/1

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PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Nine notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Nine proposals were issued. Five proposals were received including one MBE and one WBE.

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best two evaluated proposals.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's and Public Work's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin-American Statesman and on the Internet.