

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 44

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with KYOCERA SOLAR, INC., Cypress, TX, to supply solar photovoltaic modules in an amount not to exceed \$306,072.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$64,815 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$241,257 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Sandy Calles, Buyer Sr./ (512) 322-6487

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specifications of five 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 is for the purchase of solar photovoltaic (PV) modules for installation on five municipal buildings and six school facilities located in the Austin Energy (AE) service area. The project supports AE's commitment to renewable energy by fulfilling one of the goals stated in AE's 2003 Strategic Plan and generating renewable energy credits.

The plan calls for AE to implement a highly visible public awareness and education program that will involve the installation of PV projects at schools, branch libraries, and community centers. The energy improvement will save an estimated 97,730kWh per year and produce an estimated 97 renewable energy credits per year. These savings are equivalent to an estimated 109,188 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 14 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 2,132 trees or 106 acres of forest in Austin's parks.

Installation of this equipment is planned for this summer and will be completed by October 2007. A separate solicitation will be issued for the installation of this equipment.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

Price Analysis

- a. Adequate competition
- b. Twenty notices were sent. There are no known MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. This is the first contract of its type; therefore, there is no bid history available.

Approval Justification

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