

AGENDA



Thursday, August 9, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 22**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with STANLEY CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX, for engineering services for Austin Energy's transmission, substation, distribution, planning, project management, operations, real estate, and network engineering groups for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 per year, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 (35% Transmission, 25% Distribution Substation, and 40% Distribution) is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining \$500,000 is contingent upon available funding in future Operating Budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Dorothy Kester 505-7041, Ron Gentry 974-7133, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of five statements received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.5% MBE and 14.2% WBE subconsultant participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

The purpose of this project is to provide engineering and associated services as requested for Austin Energy's transmission, substation, distribution, planning, project management, operations, real estate, and network engineering groups. The selected firm will serve as Austin Energy's professional consultant and shall provide technical consultation and advice to Austin Energy during the performance of the work that may include preliminary studies, design, bid and award, construction, and warranty phase services. An authorized Austin Energy representative, with input and assistance from the firm, shall develop a scope of services for each assignment consistent with Austin Energy's specific needs.

The City anticipates contracting with the recommended firm for an estimated total of \$1,000,000 per year for a period of three years, or until funds are completely expended. The selected firm will be compensated under a standing contract for varying amounts depending on the job assignment. All services performed shall be subject to approval and acceptance by Austin Energy. Authorization of services shall be contingent upon annual City Council approval of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget and extensions of the contract.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm and the project will be re-evaluated.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 103 firms on April 16, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 27 firms, and five firms submitted qualification

statements. None of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms. Evaluation of the two remaining firms results in the following recommendation.