Thursday, October 11, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 36

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with VOSS LIGHTING, San Antonio, TX for streetlight lamps in an estimated amount not to exceed \$224,818, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$112,409 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$449,636.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$112,409 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding for the remaining 12 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no financial impact therefore a fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

Purchasing Language: Lowest bids of eight 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 will provide for the supply of various street-lighting lamps including high pressure, metal halide, and mercury vapor. These lamps will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Kramer and St. Elmo warehouses for immediate issue to illumination construction & maintenance crews for general maintenance and construction on an as needed basis. These items will enable Austin Energy to provide lighting throughout the utility service area.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 2/1 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-two notices were sent, including two MBEs and one WBE. Eight bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 20% increase to the last contract award in July 2004. The increase is due to higher prices of raw materials, packaging, natural gas and transportation cost.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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