

AGENDA



Thursday, October 11, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 37

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with WAUKESHA-PEARCE INDUSTRIES, INC., for the purchase of a diesel engine generator for the Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$211,764.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of two proposals 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 a backup diesel generator for the Sand Hill Energy Center (SHEC). Currently, there is no backup electrical generation at SHEC. Loss of feed from the transmission yard will put the station in a black-out condition once the limited battery systems are depleted. Without any power for lights, controls, motors and lube systems, it would be difficult to put the station back on line in a timely manner. This diesel generator is sized to provide enough power to maintain critical systems currently supported by batteries and start a gas turbine if needed, providing the ability for independent operation in case of interruption of service due to weather or related incidents.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/0 MBE/WBE responded: 0/0

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PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-six notices were sent, including two MBEs. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Two proposals were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase for this type diesel engine generator; therefore, there is no price history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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