

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 28

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with HATFIELD AND COMPANY, Austin, TX, for the purchase of an auxiliary cooling water strainer for the Decker Creek Power Plant in an amount not to exceed \$79,000.

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

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two 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 a replacement auxiliary cooling water strainer, located at the Decker Creek Power Station, Unit No. 2. The original strainer, installed in 1976, has been repaired multiple times since the original installation and is now beyond repair. This strainer is necessary to filter lake water before it is pumped through several critical pieces of equipment for cooling purposes.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition.

b. Fifteen notices were sent. There are no known MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity.

Two bids were received.

c. This is the first purchase of the auxiliary cooling water strainer since the original installation in 1976; therefore, there is no price history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Lowest bid received.

b. The Purchasing office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.