Thursday, November 29, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 28

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with AREVA T& D INC. RITZ HV INSTRUMENT TRANSFORMERS, Waynesboro, GA for 138kV potential transformers in an amount not to exceed \$69,525.

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: Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of three 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 nine 138kV potential transformers (PTs). PTs are devices that convert larger transmission voltages to lower voltages, so protective relays and other control devices can function properly. These PTs are required for the Cameron Substation rebuild.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-one notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an 8% decrease to the last contract award in November 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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