

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 34

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with TRENCH LTD c/o FAPCO, LLC, New Braunfels, TX, for the purchase of current transformers in an amount not to exceed \$211,500.

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: Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer /322-6466

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 will provide Austin Energy with nine current transformers to replace existing units at the Lost Pines Substation. Current transformers are devices that are used for accurate power and energy measurement. A current transformer acts as a sensor controlling the opening or closing of relays, switchgear, and circuit breakers.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-five 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 a 70% increase from the last contract award April 2004. This increase is due mostly to the higher costs for steel, labor, and transportation.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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