

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 35**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with GE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INCORPORATED, Kansas City, MO, for the upgrade of the continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) data acquisition and handling system (DAHS) at the Decker Creek Power Station and Sand Hill Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$94,184.

**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:** Sole Source.

**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.

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This contract is for the upgrade of the existing continuous emissions system (CEMS) data acquisition and handling system (DAHS) at Austin Energy power plants. These systems were designed and installed by GE Energy Management Services (then KVB-Enertec) and are highly reliable and provide data management as required by the EPA Acid Rain Rules. Since GE Energy Management Services is currently the proprietary owner of the source code for the software that is being used, they are the sole source provider to obtain these upgrades.

There is a requirement by the Clean Air Act Amendments to produce reports in a new format by January 1, 2008. The current operational DAHS software (NTDAHS) is not capable of producing these reports in the XML format. In order to produce this type of submission, the software will need to be upgraded to the new NetDAHS version. This is a sole source procurement since GE Energy Management, Inc. is the sole supplier of this upgrade to the existing system.