



**Resource Management Commission  
R E S O L U T I O N  
Approve Free Weatherization Program  
December 18, 2007**

**Vote: 8-0-0-1**

**Motion by: A. Martinez**

**Second by: C. Herbert**

**For: A. Donoho, R. Amato, J. Beckage, F. Cohagan, L. Cunningham, G. Hsieh**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**Vacant: K. Strnad**

**Motion: Passed**


The Resource Management Commission supports Austin Energy's Power Saver—Free Weatherization Program for low income residents and recommends the City Council approve the award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month services contract with MCCULLOUGH HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, Austin, TX, AIRTECH, Austin, TX, and CLIMATE MECHANICAL, Austin, TX for the weatherization of single family homes, manufactured homes, and duplexes for low-income, elderly or disabled Austin Energy customers in an amount not to exceed \$910,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$455,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,275,000.

This contract will secure weatherization services to an estimated 520 single family homes and duplexes for low-income, elderly or disabled Austin Energy utility customers. Customer eligibility is determined by the following criteria: (1) 60 years of age or older, (2) handicapped with household incomes not exceeding 80% of median family income or households with income not exceeding 50% median family income according to current Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Income Poverty Guidelines.

The program compliments other energy conservation incentive programs of Austin Energy in providing equitable conservation services to all residential customers. The goals of the program are to increase resident comfort levels, reduce energy consumption, and lower utility bills through housing efficiency improvements. This contract will provide the contractors with materials for the following energy improvements: air infiltration reduction, including duct system, weather stripping doors, adding insulation in attics, sealing and/or repairing ductwork, caulking of plumbing penetrations, installation of installation of solar screens, and performing other minor energy-related repairs to the home.

The estimated energy savings is equal to 569,400 kWh per year, which represents a major benefit to the local environment. These savings are equivalent to 646,609 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 81 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 12,627 trees.

Because of the high volume of homes needing this service, Austin Energy recommends contracting with multiple contractors.

  
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Approved, Adam Martinez, Chair

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