Thursday, January 31, 2008

Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 13

Subject: Approve an amendment to the professional service agreement with National Economic Research Associates, Inc. (NERA), Austin, TX, in the amount of \$31,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$457,380, for economic consulting related to the City's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program (MBE/WBE), including conducting and implementing an updated availability and disparity study of minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

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

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

For More Information: Becky Casares, Assistant City Attorney, 974-2518

Prior Council Action: Council authorized the agreement October 19, 2006.

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