

AGENDA



Thursday, February 28, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 40**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the requirements service contract with CRESCENT CONTRACTORS, Austin, TX for the distribution of door hanging advertisements of Austin Energy Power Saver Programs, to increase the current contract and remaining options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$26,580 for the current period and an estimated \$26,580 for each of the three remaining extension options, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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.

On May 10, 2007, a 12-month requirements service contract for door-to-door distribution of door hangers to promote the various Power Saver Programs of Austin Energy was administratively awarded in an estimated amount not to exceed \$48,420, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$48,420 per extension option, for a total amount not to exceed \$193,680.

These programs include the: refrigerator recycling program, which promotes recycling of old, inefficient refrigerators; Power Partner Program which provides for the installation of load control devices such as programmable thermostats and water heater switches/timers in single residential homes, multi-family dwellings, and in commercial facilities; Free Home Energy Improvement Program provides free weatherization services for the elderly and low income families; Solar Program, Home Performance with Energy Star Program, and other energy conservation/climate protection initiatives to assist utility customers in reducing their electric consumption.

This proposed amendment will help support further door-to-door advertising efforts of Austin Energy's Power Saver programs, which have resulted in an increased customer awareness of the various Power Saver programs for residential customers.