

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 28**

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**Subject:** Approve ratification of a contract with CENTRAL TEXAS COMMERCIAL A/C & HEATING, INC., Austin, TX, for a 6-month rental of an emergency diesel generator at Dell Children's Hospital in an amount of \$168,440.

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

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

**For More Information:** Karen Williams, Buyer II, 322-6467.

**Purchasing Language:** Critical Business Need.

**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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On March 17, 2008, the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas lost 50% of normal electrical power and 100% of emergency electrical power from the Mueller Energy Center (MEC). This is a critical business need because power losses of this nature are very serious issues.

Immediately following the incident, Austin Energy rented and placed into service a temporary diesel emergency generator at the Medical Center. During the six-month rental period, Austin Energy is evaluating and resolving operational concerns at MEC. Austin Energy has initiated, with the assistance of an engineering consulting firm, an independent electrical engineering study and review of the complete electrical system at MEC to identify and implement reliability improvements.

Austin Energy (AE) has a contractual obligation to the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas to provide all electrical services including emergency power from the Mueller Energy Center (MEC) located adjacent to the medical center.

One of MEC's primary goals is to supply uninterrupted electrical service to the Dell Children's Medical Center. The original service agreement specified the installation of an emergency generator within MEC. However, the MEC has experienced several unplanned electrical outages since it began commercial operations approximately two years ago.

This temporary emergency generator will provide the required reliability of emergency electrical service to the Medical Center until reliability improvements can be implemented at MEC.