

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 56**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 16-month service contract with ECOLOGIC ANALYTICS LLC, Bloomington, MN for the purchase and installation of a meter data management software system for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$1,063,306, with four 12-month extension options for maintenance and support in amounts not to exceed \$131,031.45 for the first extension option, \$134,962.39 for the second extension option, \$139,011.26 for the third extension option, and \$143,181.59 for the fourth extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,611,492.69.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,063,306 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Mick Osborne, Specialist Sr. Buyer, 974-2995.

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of five proposals received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be 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.

As Austin Energy (AE) continues to expand the technology enabling the utility to read electric meters remotely using a mesh network rather than via manual meter reading, the amount and variety of data available will expand. This data will need to be stored, categorized, reported upon, and integrated with a number of other AE systems to enable process and service improvements for AE and its customers.

A Meter Data Management System (MDMS) is software that manages that data and enables the utility to conduct and store real-time meter reads every 15 minutes for the over 400,000 meters within the AE service area. AE has determined the MDMS solution provided by Ecologic Analytics has all of the features and functionality necessary to serve the utility and the city.

An evaluation panel consisting of operations, technical, and management personnel from AE evaluated the proposals based on the proposer's system concept and solution, proposed compliance with the functional and technical requirements, demonstrated applicable experience, personnel qualifications, total evaluated cost, and ability to function within the standard City of Austin terms and conditions.

MBE/WBE solicited: 24/11

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PROPOSAL ANALYSIS- RFP NO. MSO0014A

a. Adequate competition.

b. Four hundred, thirty-five notices were sent, including 24 MBEs and 11 WBEs. Five proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.