

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with INTELLEX CORPORATION, Houston, TX for the installation and upgrade of controls/automation systems in an estimated amount not to exceed \$375,400, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$375,400 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,501,600.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$375,400 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: Karen Williams, Buyer II, 322-6467.

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of three proposals received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be award 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.

Austin Energy has four district energy plants including the Domain, Mueller Energy Center, Paul Robbins District Cooling Plant, and District Cooling Plant No. 2. These plants serve chilled water customers at all sites. The Domain and Mueller Energy Center also serve steam and electrical power to customers. All plants utilize Allen-Bradley controls systems, except the Paul Robbins District Cooling Plant which has Johnson controls and Allen-Bradley controls. Additionally, there are many customer locations with Allen-Bradley controls. Eleven customer sites have Johnson controls.

This contract incorporates a plan to standardize the type of controls being utilized through the complete turn-key replacement of existing Johnson controls systems at the customers' locations and at the Paul Robbins District Cooling Plant, with Allen-Bradley hardware and software including all required field wiring, tubing, controls components, connections, programming, testing, and commissioning.

Controls modifications and/or additions are needed at some existing plants and customer sites to migrate to a single system of monitoring, controlling, and reporting. Upgrades will provide the ability to implement Human Machine Interface (HMI) Historian software, measurement, and reporting systems.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/3 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-six notices were sent, including four MBEs and three WBEs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal received.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.