

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

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

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with SPECIAL FIRE SYSTEMS, INC., Richardson, TX for the purchase of an audible and visual evacuation alarm system in an amount not to exceed \$72,330.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Martha L. Gaines, Buyer II, 322-6583.

Purchasing Language: Sole bid 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.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of an audible and visual evacuation alarm system to be installed at the Sand Hill Energy Center.

This is a warning and alert system that will give notification to plant personnel in the event of an emergency. It can be programmed to alert for various types of conditions, such as fires, severe weather conditions, or hazardous materials release.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/4 MBE/WBE responded: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. Potential bidders were contacted to inquire as to why they did not respond to this solicitation. Bidders stated that they were unable to respond to the solicitation due to other contractual commitments. This solicitation was advertised on the City of Austin FASD Purchasing Office website for four months.
- b. Nine notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for these services. One bid was received.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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