

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 17**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of Amendment No. 3 to the requirements service contract with ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO., Corpus Christi, TX to add three 12-month extension options for continued transmission utility line clearance services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,508,633 for the first extension option, \$1,524,171 for the second extension option, and \$1,532,158 for the third extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,582,229.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$125,719.42 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 11 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

**For More Information:** Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer/322-6466

**Purchasing Language:** Contract Amendment.

**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) with 16.42% MBE and 0.50% WBE subcontractor participation to date.

**Prior Council Action:** August 24, 2006 – approved 24 month contract

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On August 24, 2006, City Council approved the award and execution of a 24-month service requirements contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. for transmission line clearance services which included scheduled vegetation and maintenance and storm restoration capabilities. Tasks include but are not limited to tree pruning and/or removal, of various types of vegetation growing within Austin Energy's (AE) electrical facilities, utility easements, and rights-of-way. The work sites have generally consisted of the geographical area encompassing all of the transmission corridors used by AE within and outside of AE's electric service territory.

The original recommended action from staff was for approval of a 36-month service requirement contract with two 12-month extension options. Council approved a two year contract with discretionary City Council approval required for renewal of 3 one-year extensions. This amendment will allow staff to incorporate the three 12-month extension options. The current contract will expire on August 27, 2008.