

AGENDA



Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize execution of Amendment No. 4 to the requirements service contracts with ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO., Corpus Christi, TX and DAVEY TREE SURGERY CO., Livermore, CA to add three 12-month extension options for continued distribution utility line clearance services in a combined amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 per extension option, for a total combined contract amount not to exceed \$60,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 10 months of the first extension option and the remaining 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 18.11% MBE and 0.49% WBE subcontractor participation to date (Asplundh); 27.61% MBE and 4.37% WBE subcontractor participation to date (Davey Tree).

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

On August 24, 2006, City Council approved the award and execution of two 24-month service requirement contracts with Asplundh Tree Expert Co., and Davey Tree Surgery Co. for distribution utility line clearance services. These service agreements have provided Austin Energy (AE) with professional distribution line clearance services including scheduled vegetation maintenance and storm restoration capabilities.

The original recommended action from staff was for approval of two 36-month service requirement contracts 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 contracts will expire on August 27, 2008.