

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 28, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 27

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with ALPHA READY MIX LLC, Austin, TX to provide structural concrete in an estimated amount not to exceed \$446,476, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$223,238 per extension option, for an estimated total contract amount not to exceed \$1,116,190.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$22,325 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$424,151 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:** Terry V. Nicholson, Sr. Buyer/322-6586.

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of two bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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 supply of approximately 5,000 cubic yards of structural concrete to be used by Austin Energy on an as needed basis. Structural concrete is 4,000 pounds per square inch, five-sack minimum cement, one-inch aggregate mix. The structural concrete will be used to comply with the engineering design requirements for structures such as substation transformer slabs, buss support steel in substations, transmission tower piers and control house slabs inside substations.

The City of Austin is committed to reduction of Green House Gases. In accordance with the Austin Climate Protection Plan, the City will work with the Contractor to use the maximum amount of fly ash in concrete as permitted by the City's Standard Specifications Section 403S. Five thousand cubic yards of concrete at 25% fly ash would save 611,000 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> versus not using any fly ash in the concrete, and 5,000 cubic yards of concrete at 35% fly ash will save 855,400 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> versus not using any fly ash in the concrete.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS:**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixteen notices were sent, including two MBEs. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 17% decrease from the last purchase made in June 2006.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.