

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 22**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional service agreement with the following two firms: INTERA INCORPORATED, Austin, TX and TRC ENVIRONMENTAL CORP., Austin, TX to provide environmental consultation, engineering and project management services for Austin Energy Environmental Services Rotation List, for the years 2008 through 2011 or until available funding authorization is expended, each agreement not to exceed \$1,800,000 with a total of two agreements in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,800,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget and/or Operation budget of the Austin Energy Department.

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

For More Information: Rose San Miguel 322-6260; Rosie Truelove 974-3064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of eleven statements received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.50% MBE and 14.20% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

The Austin Energy (AE) service area encompasses 421 square miles and includes a population of approximately one million people. AE transmission and distribution facilities include nine transmission substations, 70 distribution substations, and the Kramer Lane, St. Elmo and Justin Lane Service Centers. AE generation facilities include Decker Creek Power Plant and the Sand Hill Energy Center.

The selected Consultants will be expected to provide environmental services related to AE's operations including, but not limited to studies, sampling, testing, analyses, recommendations, designs, regulatory review, construction management for projects, environmental assessments, petroleum storage tank issues, storm water pollution prevention plans, 316B assessments, toxicity reduction evaluations, spill response plans, spill prevention and countermeasures plans, site remediation, air quality permitting and monitoring, soil monitoring, surface water monitoring, groundwater monitoring, hazardous and non-hazardous waste analysis, design/redesign of pollution controls and monitoring systems, environmental data collection and reporting, research studies and strategies related to greenhouse gas mitigation including off-sets, carbon market advisory services, environmental training, feasibility studies, modeling studies, industrial hygiene issues and environmental permitting.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the two recommended firms. The period of service is estimated to be approximately three years or until financial authorization is expended. Annual allocations to each firm will be based on the number and type of projects that the firm is given, which will be based on their demonstrated qualifications for each specific project. Where firms demonstrate similar level of qualifications for particular types of work, the work will be awarded to the firm that is underutilized based on cost. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating

a satisfactory agreement with any of the recommended firms, negotiations will cease with that firm and the funding will be distributed among the remaining recommended firm.

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.70% African American; 9.50% Hispanic; 5.30% Asian/Native American; 14.20% WBE. The recommended firms provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.