

AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 43

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with PACE GLOBAL ENERGY SERVICES, LLC, Fairfax, VA, for support of Austin Energy's long-range energy resource planning process in an amount not to exceed \$364,344.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for Austin Energy.

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

For More Information: Sandy Calles, Sr. Buyer, 322-6487.

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of five proposals 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.

Austin Energy is currently engaged in a public participation process with its customers and the community in order to collect their input on energy supply options and on the draft long-range energy plan.

The work provided through this contract will support Austin Energy's efforts to develop its long-range energy resource planning process by providing technical, operational and financial information, and analysis. Upon request by Austin Energy, the contractor will evaluate and develop responses to selected questions presented by the public, develop information about various power supply alternatives, provide information in situation-appropriate form and format, attend meetings with Austin Energy staff, and provide integrated resource planning type analyses. These analyses may include, but are not limited to emerging energy technologies, plant CO2 emissions, rate implications, and various planning scenarios.

An Austin Energy team with expertise in programmatic and financial areas evaluated the proposals.

MBE/WBE solicited: 16/29 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Two hundred sixteen notices were sent, including 16 MBEs and 29 WBEs. Five proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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