

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Item No. 44**

**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with STANDARD AUTOMATIC FIRE ENTERPRISES, INC., College Station, TX for an upgrade of the fire protection system at Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$134,143.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$134,143 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Shawn Harris, Buyer II, 505-7351.

**Purchasing Language:** Sole proposal 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.

This contract is needed to upgrade both the sprinkler and alarm portions of the fire protection system at the Sand Hill Energy Center (SHEC).

The upgrades will improve the existing system to meet new recommendations by the National Fire Protection Association's standard, NFPA No. 850, which is the recommended practice for electric generating plants and high voltage direct current converter stations. These upgrades are expected to increase safety for the plant personnel as well as increase reliability of the steam and gas turbine generators. Compliance with the NFPA No. 850 recommendations is also expected to result in a reduction to the insurance premiums at SHEC in the future.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**Price Analysis**

- a. Sole proposal. The proposal closing for this solicitation was extended twice without success in an effort to secure more proposals. The alarm portion of the existing system requires a specific license, making the job possible for a limited number of companies.
- b. Twenty-four notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. One proposal was received, with no response from the MBE.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

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