

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 48

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with H. BROWN MACHINE SHOP, INC., Eunice, LA, for heavy equipment hauling services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$746,300, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$746,300 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,238,900.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$559,725 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining three months of the original contract period and extension 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: Terry Nicholson, Senior Buyer, 322-6586.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids 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 for all supervision, labor, trucks, materials and traffic security services required to safely transport heavy electric utility equipment and materials for Austin Energy. The contractor will also provide all necessary lifting and jacking equipment to safely lift, load and unload the electric utility equipment as required on an as needed basis.

The transmission construction group will use this contractor as needed to move or transport heavy electric utility equipment including but not limited to power transformers, switchgear, power transmission poles and mobile substations.

MBE/WBE solicited: 39/15

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred twenty-nine notices were sent including 39 MBEs and 15 WBEs. Two bids were received with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. This is the first contract of this type; therefore, there is no pricing history.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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