

AGENDA



Thursday, April 30, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 22**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with STARFISH ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC, Tyler, TX, for the purchase of an engine maintenance dolly in the amount not to exceed \$83,000.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Sole bid 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.

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

This contract is for the purchase of a maintenance dolly to be used for maintenance of the General Electric LM6000 gas turbine engines at Austin Energy's Sand Hill Energy Center (SHEC). SHEC has four LM6000 engines currently operating and has purchased two additional units for future installation. The dolly is a trailer that can be mounted to one of these gas turbine engines so it can be removed from its enclosure in order to perform maintenance or repairs. The dolly is specially designed to protect the valuable LM6000 engine and has built-in supports and rigging that allow the engine to be separated into segments without many of the expensive tools that would be required with a conventional maintenance dolly. This dolly will allow plant personnel to remove the LM6000 without hiring an outside contractor. It will also allow personnel to respond faster to situations that require engine removal, thus greatly reducing the time an engine is out of service.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. The bid opening date was extended in an effort to secure more bids without success. This commodity is very specialized and thus vendors capable of providing it are very limited.
- b. Eighty-seven notices were sent, including three MBEs and three WBEs. One bid was 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. Sole bid received.
- b. The Purchasing office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.