

Thursday, April 30, 2009

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 23

**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 60-month requirements service contract with SIEMENS BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Austin, TX, to provide maintenance and repair services for the building automation system and fire alarm system equipment at the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$336,888.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$28,704 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 55 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.

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Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

**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 contract.

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

This contract will provide maintenance and repair of the building automation system and fire alarm system equipment located at the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center (CTECC). These systems ensure the reliability and energy efficiency of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment in the facility, provide remote monitoring and operation of site systems, and reduce the risk of unscheduled equipment downtime to the 911 Operations Floor, Emergency Operations Center, and CTECC Data Center.

The inspection and maintenance services provided under this contract are in accordance with OEM performance and technical specifications and/or industry best practices for similar equipment. In addition to the established maintenance schedule, the contract also provides for both routine and emergency repair services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays, with the contractor responding within four hours of notification in the event of an emergency failure.

As specified in the Interdepartmental Service Agreement between Austin Energy (AE) and the Communications Telecommunications Management Division of Financial and Administrative Services Department acting on behalf of CTECC, AE is responsible for providing all facility maintenance services for the CTECC facility. The City bills other owners according to their share of ownership as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement.

The Interlocal Agreement dated August 14, 2001 between the City, Texas Department of Transportation, Travis County, and Capital Metro defines CTECC as a jointly-owned facility as follows:

Texas Department of Transportation - 21% Travis County - 12 % Cap Metro - 4%

This is a sole source contract since Siemens Building Technologies is the sole provider of the maintenance and support of the equipment and software installed at this facility.