

AGENDA



Thursday, May 14, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 27

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION, Conroe, TX, for the leasing and operation of mobile demineralizers and other water treatment equipment for Austin Energy, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$400,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$83,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 19 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: Shawn Harris, Buyer II/505-7351

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of two 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.

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

This contract will provide for leasing and operation of temporary water treatment equipment including mobile demineralizers, filtration equipment, water softeners and reverse osmosis equipment, on an as-needed basis for Austin Energy power plants.

This equipment is required to provide a temporary source of ultra-pure water in cases where a power plant's water treatment system becomes inoperable or experiences problems that affect the quality of the water produced. Extremely pure water is required for high-pressure boilers, gas turbine emissions reduction, and treatment for beneficial re-use of boiler cleaning flush water and is necessary to allow power generation units to remain in service.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PROPOSAL ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty-nine notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Two proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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