## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 22

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 12-month contract with HDR ENGINEERING, INC., Omaha, NE, for services relating to the location, assessment, study, evaluation, and potential acquisition of parcels of land and easements for electric utility-related purposes in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for an extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated financial impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Terry Nicholson, Senior Buyer/322-6586

Purchasing Language: Critical Business Need.

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

This contract is for services related to locating, evaluating, and compiling information regarding potential acquisitions of real property and easements for use by Austin Energy. This request does not include professional engineering services or require the practice of engineering. HDR will be responsible for providing services to include compiling and developing information related to locating parcels suitable for electric utility purposes, and include such activities as title work, site feasibility assessments, valuation and market assessments, and initial environmental screening of potential acquisitions of land and easements.