

AGENDA



Thursday, June 18, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 29**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a requirements service contract with PACE GLOBAL ENERGY SERVICES, LLC, Fairfax, VA, for continued support of Austin Energy's long-range energy resource planning process to increase the contract authorization in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$564,344.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for Austin Energy.

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

For More Information: Sandy Calles, Sr. Buyer, 322-6487

Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

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.

Prior Council Action: December 11, 2008 - Approved contract.

In December 2008, Council approved a contract with Pace Global Energy Services to support Austin Energy's efforts in developing its long-range energy resource planning process by providing technical, operational and financial information, and analysis. The initial contract amount approved was in an amount not to exceed \$364,344. The contract provided valuable assistance to Austin Energy in the initial phase of the Public Participation Process, an initiative to gather input from customers, stakeholder groups, and the community regarding the City's energy supply options, carbon reduction, and our long-range energy plan.

Due to changing economic conditions, it was necessary for Austin Energy to revise its energy load forecast which, in turn, required a revision of the long range energy resource plan. These changes, along with the extension of the Public Participation Process through summer 2009, have resulted in the need for Austin Energy to have Pace Global Energy Services readdress its previous work, provide additional scenario planning, and increase its services. This amendment will allow Austin Energy to accommodate the additional work scope described above.