

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 63

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with BILT RITE SCAFFOLD COMPANY, Austin, TX; AUSTIN SALES, INC, Austin, TX; BASIC INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH TEXAS, San Antonio, TX; and THYSSENKRUPP SAFWAY, INC., Austin, TX, for scaffolding services for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$306,000 each and combined, with two 24-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$306,000 each and combined per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$918,000 each and combined.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$25,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 22 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 four evaluated bids of five bids 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 qualified labor, materials, and expertise for the erection of scaffolding to facilitate maintenance activities at Austin Energy power plants. Scaffolding is used on an as-needed, on-demand basis to access equipment for maintenance. Much of the equipment at power plants, such as boilers, has components that are located over 100 feet above the ground.

Multiple contractors are needed to assure timely response and expertise. As scaffolding needs are identified, each contractor will be given the opportunity to submit pricing for the individual project. The low bidder meeting the requirements of each individual project will be awarded the work for that project.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

Price Analysis

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ten notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for these services. Five bids were received.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best four evaluated bids received. Basic Industries of South Texas and Austin Sales, Inc. are the current providers for these services.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.