

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 67**

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**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 12-month professional services contract with DUNCAN, WEINBERG, GENZER & PEMBROKE, P.C., Washington, DC, for public power consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$240,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$13,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 10 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:** Terry Nicholson, Sr. Buyer 322-6586

**Purchasing Language:** Professional Services.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B 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.

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This contract will provide Austin Energy with consulting services to assist in representing Austin Energy's interests in developing clean energy projects and utilizing stimulus opportunities available to public power utilities at the federal level. Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C. (DWGP) has represented Austin Energy in Washington, DC since 2003. DWGP is familiar with the federal energy and environmental issues of interest to Austin Energy, including the Clean Energy Project Exchange (CEPEX), as well as the stimulus opportunities available that will further assist Austin Energy's efforts to develop clean energy projects. DWGP is in a unique position to assist Austin Energy in promoting CEPEX and providing assistance in evaluating and promoting opportunities for clean energy project development.

Austin Energy is actively seeking stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for various projects including the Pecan Street Project, energy efficiency, integration of plug-in hybrid vehicles to the electric grid, and clean energy development. DWGP will be an asset in addressing stimulus funding opportunities and assisting Austin Energy in succeeding at the federal level with regard to these projects.