

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 17**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with ACT PIPE & SUPPLY, Pflugerville, TX for the purchase of cast iron manhole covers and rings for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$145,898, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$72,949 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$291,796.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$6,079 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 23 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:** Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of three bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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 is for the supply of cast iron manhole covers and rings to be purchased on an as needed basis. These covers and rings will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Kramer and St. Elmo warehouses. The covers and rings are primarily used by the Underground Distribution group to cover the manholes on Austin Energy's pull boxes to protect the electrical cable connections inside.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 5/3                      MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Eighty-three notices were sent, including five MBEs and three WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 28% increase to the last contract award in March 2007. The increase can be attributed to higher prices for steel and raw material.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received. ACT Pipe & Supply is not the current provider for these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.