

AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 43**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with THOMAS & BETTS POWER SOLUTIONS, Richmond, VA, to purchase reliability enhancements and to provide service and preventative maintenance on static transfer switches in an estimated amount not to exceed \$57,666, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$12,371 per extension option, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$82,408.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$46,326 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 11 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.

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Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

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 for the maintenance and repair of four Cyberex brand static transfer switches located at the Combined Transportation, Emergency & Communications Center (CTECC). This equipment insures the seamless and uninterrupted transfer of power between Austin Energy power and emergency power systems in the event of a utility power loss. This mission critical equipment ensures the reliability and operation of Public Safety site systems, and reduces the risk of unscheduled equipment downtime to the 911 Operations Floor, Emergency Operations Center, and CTECC Data Center.

The periodic inspection and preventative maintenance services provided under this contract are in accordance with original equipment manufacturer (OEM) performance and technical specifications and industry best practices for similar equipment. In addition to the established maintenance schedule, the contract also provides for both routine and emergency repair services of equipment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. The contractor will respond within eight hours of notification in the event of an emergency failure.

Additionally, Year #1 of the contract includes purchase of reliability enhancements to each of the existing four Static Transfer Switches to include the purchase of:

- 1) Power Supplies (4 per unit)
- 2) Relay Board (1 per unit)
- 3) Source Control Boards (2 per unit)
- 4) EPO Board (1 per unit) and Installation.

Enhancements are required in order to bring the equipment up to best industry standards. The equipment is currently over five years old. The OEM recommends upgrades to the system every five years.

Thomas & Betts Power Solution is the only factory authorized service provider for all Cyberex equipment. Competing service providers are not authorized and do not have the proprietary configuration codes required to access the display menu for repairs.