

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 20

Subject: Authorize the use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal project delivery method in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter H, for the decommissioning of the Holly Street Power Plant.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

As provided by Section 271.116 of the Texas Local Government Code, Austin Energy is requesting approval to contract under the competitive sealed proposal method for the Holly Street Power Plant Decommissioning Project. The project includes construction, rehabilitation, and alteration of a facility, which consists of an improvement to real property. The competitive sealed proposal method will allow a city-staffed evaluation panel to review, evaluate, and rank proposals based on stated evaluation criteria rather than awarding to the lowest responsive bid received. This evaluation will include consideration of "local presence" in awarding the contract.

The project decommissioning is currently in Design Phase. The project will consist of specialized construction services necessary for the deconstruction of an electrical power production facility. The services will be provided by a duly qualified and experienced contractor offering best value to the City. The contract calls for the performance of vertical construction services to be compensated on a lump sum basis rather than horizontal civil engineering construction services to be compensated on a unit price basis.

The Holly Street Power Plant ceased operations on September 30, 2007.