

AGENDA



Thursday, October 1, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply and service agreement with the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) Austin, TX, for the purchase of computer software products including maintenance, training, and information technology services for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$12,331,750.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$6,578,694 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$5,753,056 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are attached.

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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). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation. However, SMBR will assist in the identification of subcontracting opportunities on a case by case basis.

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

This contract is to enable Austin Energy (AE) to purchase various software products, technology implementation services and maintenance services for FY2009 – 2010 through contracts with the Department of Information Resources (DIR). Awards will also include networking and communication software products and maintenance services for AE's Local and Wide Area Networks and communication systems used to interconnect desktop computers, servers, and printers throughout AE and to transmit and receive information via the internet/intranet.

DIR has continued to provide additional products and services through its program at competitively bid discounted prices. The purchasing power of the State of Texas is used to leverage purchasing effectiveness. All technology requests will undergo AE technology review to ensure compliance with Austin Energy's enterprise architectural standards and technology compatibility with existing systems.

A new policy has been implemented to increase MBE/WBE subcontracting opportunities when a cooperative purchasing contract is used to contract for any request that includes a service component. If subcontracting opportunities are identified, the standards and principles of the MBE/WBE Procurement Program will apply by establishing project specific MBE/WBE goals on cooperative purchasing contracts. The Offeror will be asked to contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) to obtain a list of MBEs and WBEs available to perform the services or supplies identified for the contract and make a Good Faith Effort to use available MBE and WBE firms. SMBR will review all cooperative purchasing contracts prior to the selection of a firm.