

AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 24

Subject: Authorize execution of a supplemental agreement to the professional services agreement with WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., Austin, TX, for additional engineering design and bid phase services for the Holly Street Power Plant Decommissioning Project, in an amount not to exceed \$142,844.81, for a total authorization not to exceed \$2,751,849.40.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$142,844.81 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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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) with 11.24% MBE and 8.7% WBE subcontractor participation to date.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on November 16, 2009.

Prior Council Action: February 28, 2008 – Approved planning and preliminary engineering services; April 2, 2009 – Approved engineering design and bid phase services.

The retirement of the Holly Street Power Plant met goals set by the City Council and Austin Energy in the early 1990's to retire the plant at the earliest practical date, due to its location within a residential neighborhood that has increased in density over the 47-year life of the facility. Holly's four generating units were completed between 1960 and 1974 and were gas fired units with fuel oil back-up capabilities. Holly units 1 and 2 ceased operations in October 2004 and units 3 and 4 ceased operations in September 2007.

In February 2008, Austin Energy contracted with Weston Solutions, Inc. to provide engineering services for decommissioning the plant and plant related structures, and to prepare the site for future use. Phase 1, the planning/preliminary engineering phase which included site evaluation, plan development, a project implementation plan, cost estimates, and other items, has been completed. Phase 2 services for the decommissioning and demolition design and bidding phase services is currently underway. Phase 3 services associated with the construction oversight of the decommissioning and demolition activities will follow completion of Phase 2.

In April 2009, the City Council approved authorization for engineering design and bid phase services. This proposed authorization request would provide for additional design phase services necessitated by a haul route study, which identified street and below grade infrastructure issues that required the re-evaluation of the selected haul route and additional engineering design, pavement analysis and permitting assistance to accommodate the changes to the haul route. The haul route is the route by which equipment from the Holly site will be removed. Austin Energy staff continues to meet monthly with the Holly Power Plant

Neighborhood Decommissioning Committee to provide updates, receive suggestions and answer questions regarding the project.