

AGENDA



Thursday, April 29, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 12**

Subject: Authorize execution of a supplemental amendment to the professional services agreement with WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., Austin, TX, for construction phase services for the Holly Street Power Plant Decommissioning Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,255,497.99 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,007,347.39.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,255,497.99 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 26.34% MBE and 8.49% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

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

Prior Council Action: February 28, 2008 – Approved professional services agreement; April 2, 2009 – Approved supplemental agreement for engineering design and bid phase services; November 19, 2009 – Approved supplemental agreement for additional 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 constructed between 1960 and 1974. Holly Units 1 and 2 ceased operations in October 2004 and Units 3 and 4 ceased operations in September 2007. Phase 1 services which included site evaluation, plan development, cost estimates, and other items have been completed. Phase 2 services for the decommissioning and demolition design and bidding phase assistance is currently underway. Phase 3 and 4 services are now being requested.

Phase 3 Decommissioning Oversight and Environmental Services provides for oversight and engineering support for decommissioning, demolition, remediation, and reporting activities. A below-grade gap analysis and investigation will be conducted as underground utilities are removed, as part of Phase 3.

Phase 4 Site Preparation Engineering Design, Oversight and Environmental Services provides for preparation of a portion of the property for reuse as parkland following plant decommissioning, remediation activities, and site regulatory closure activities. Phase 4 will also include oversight for confirmation and verification sampling in conjunction with soil excavation activities.