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Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 6

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with HILL COUNTRY CONCRETE & MASONRY SUPPLY, INC, Kerrville, TX, for the Wheless Lane Substation Wall in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of one (1) bid received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 6.68% MBE and 1.21% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This wall construction project is part of a larger project to upgrade the Wheless Lane Substation, including increasing safety through grounding upgrades, increasing security measures through the installation of cameras and lighting, and improvements to the oil containment capability of the substation. This construction contract work consists of furnishing all labor, equipment, and material necessary for a concrete screening wall with gates, including removal of an existing chain-link fence and gates. The work is required to improve the security and safety of the substation.

The contract allows 50 calendar days for completion of this project. Wheless Lane Substation is located in northeast Austin, east of Cameron Road and south of Highway 290, in the 78723 zip code.