

AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with J.S. ELECTRIC, INC. (WBE/FW - 33.40%), Buda, TX, for the Disaster Recovery System - Waller Creek Generator Replacement project in the amount of \$380,500 plus a \$19,025 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$399,525.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lower of two (2) bids 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) by meeting the goals with 12.2% MBE subcontractor and 33.4% WBE contractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The Waller Creek Center is located at 625 East 10th Street. The facility houses Austin Water Utility's administrative staff, the central communications systems for water and wastewater emergencies, and the City's data center for all City communications. It also serves as the support center for the City's Emergency Services, including Fire, EMS and APD. The existing generator provides back-up power to all of the building's emergency systems, including the fire alarm system, fire pump and controller, emergency elevator operations, emergency ventilation systems, and emergency lighting systems. The generator has reached its capacity and additional back-up power is required. In addition, the existing fire pump is deteriorated and was cited by AFD for replacement. The controller for the fire pump is also obsolete and the repair parts are no longer available.

This construction contract will replace the existing fire pump and controller, and the generator with associated electrical panels, conduit and wiring to supply additional emergency power to additional emergency systems such as phone systems, the AWU data center that is the central communications for water and wastewater emergencies, and additional emergency elevator operations. The new generator will also allow for future expansion of the AWU data center emergency power needs.

Due to the potential for unknown or differing building conditions, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701.