Thursday, August 5, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 15

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with ALFRED CONHAGEN, INC. OF TEXAS, La Marque, TX, for the repair and modification of a boiler feed pump in an amount not to exceed \$128,991.

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

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer/322-6466

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of three proposals received.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

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

This contract will provide a qualified contractor to repair and modify a Flowserve boiler feed pump located in Unit 5 at the Sand Hill Energy Center. The contractor will inspect, measure, exam, and evaluate all internal parts. This pump was placed in service in February 2008 and discontinued from service on March 2010 due to excessive vibration. After approval by Austin Energy staff of the initial inspection by the Contractor, the pump will be cleaned, repaired, and modified to reduce the chance of seizing (metal on metal rubbing) and improve reliability.

An Austin Energy team with pump repair and modification expertise evaluated the proposals based on the following criteria: System Concept and Proposed Solution, Demonstrated Applicable Experience & References, Schedule, Compatibility of Proposed Modifications, and Total Cost. The evaluation team recommended Alfred Conhagen, Inc. as the best overall proposer, servicing utilities with pump modifications and repairs since 1977.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred twelve notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Three proposals were received, with no response from MBE/WBEs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.