

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 28, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 34**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with HAVERFIELD AVIATION, INC., Gettysburg, PA for aerial maintenance services for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$144,724, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$144,724 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$578,896.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$132,664 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining one month of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

**For More Information:** Shawn Harris, Supervising Sr. Buyer/505-7351

**Purchasing Language:** Sole bid 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 Austin Energy (AE) with labor, supervision, and equipment including helicopters, as needed, for the performance of aerial insulator washing and maintenance services on transmission circuits with voltages ranging from 69kV to 345kV.

Annual cleaning is necessary to remove bird contamination and dirt build-up on insulators to maintain electrical system reliability. In addition, maintenance can be performed at this time without having an outage which also assists AE in system reliability. Additional services which may be required on an as-needed basis include aerial inspection of steel, wood, concrete, and lattice tower structures, insulators, conductors and hardware, obtaining global positioning system points at each structure location, and static wire, spacer, or damper removal and/or installation.

MBE/WBE solicited: 5/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Sole bid. The bid opening date was extended in an effort to secure more bids without success. This service is very specialized and thus vendors capable of providing it are very limited.
- b. Seventy-five notices were sent, including five MBEs and one WBE. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 9% increase to the last contract award made in August 2006.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Sole bid received. Haverfield Aviation, Inc. is the current provider of this service.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.