

AGENDA



Thursday, January 13, 2011

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 19

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with HUTHER & ASSOCIATES, INC., Denton, TX, for toxicity testing of wastewater treatment plant and power plant effluents in an estimated amount not to exceed \$29,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$29,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$116,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$9,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$12,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining three months 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: Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer/512-322-6466

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids 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. To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on January 12, 2011.

This contract will provide for toxicity testing, data interpretations, and the generation of reports required for Austin Energy and Austin Water Utility to meet the requirements of the City's Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (TPDES). The contractor will be responsible for the collection, documentation, testing, and reporting for the water leaving the City's Walnut Creek and South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plants, and the Sand Hill Energy Center and Decker Creek Power Station. They will also determine any chronic or acute toxicity of water and effluent leaving these facilities.

MBE/ WBE Solicited: 14/11 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred forty-seven notices were sent, including 14 MBEs and 11 WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 6% increase to the last contract award in June 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Huther & Associates, Inc. is the current provider of these services.
- b. The Purchasing office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.