

AGENDA



Thursday, March 3, 2011

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 3**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with PRISM DEVELOPMENT, INC. (MBE/MH-35.18%), Austin, TX, for the installation of a masonry wall, 12 feet in height and 1,940 feet in length, around the perimeter of Austin Energy's Kingsbery Substation in an amount not to exceed \$316,015.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: David Wood, 322-6940; Felecia Shaw, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two 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) through the achievements of good faith efforts with 35.18% MBE prime participation and 0.32% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission and the Design Commission on February 28, 2011.

This project is part of a larger effort by Austin Energy to increase the safety and security in and around electric substations by upgrading the oil containment and grounding, and increasing security measures by installing cameras, additional lighting, and replacing perimeter fencing.

This 239,450 square foot substation is located on a 25.87 acre tract at the end of Alf Avenue, a dead end street northeast of the intersection of Springdale Road and Airport Boulevard. AE staff identified three neighborhood associations that might have an interest in the replacement enclosure (wall) project and invited their members to attend a public meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Govalle Elementary School. AE staff prepared a presentation and an interactive exercise was planned to allow participants to develop various types of enclosures based on cost and materials. Due to low attendance, AE staff mailed project manuals, including the staff recommendation, to the three associations and requested their input. All three associations agreed with the staff recommendation.

This contract includes all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the replacement of the existing chain link fence with a new 12-foot high masonry screening wall and gates. The masonry enclosure will be 1,940 feet long.

The duration of the contract allows 65 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78721.