

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

7743

Agenda Number

13.

Meeting Date:

July 28, 2011

Department:

Contract and Land Management

## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with ELLERBE BECKETT INC., Minneapolis, MN, for architectural consulting services for Austin Energy's new System Control Center in the amount of \$230,240.34 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$5,167,837.11.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. The total amendment is in the amount of \$230,240.34; prior contract authorization provided for \$15,086 of this supplement, requiring an additional authorization for only \$215,154.34.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing  
Language:

Prior Council  
Action:

June 18, 2008 - Approved original consultant services agreement; September 29, 2009 – Approved Supplemental Amendment # 2

For More  
Information:

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Boards and  
Commission  
Action:

Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 9.70% MBE and 3.24% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

Related Items:

## Additional Backup Information

This proposed amendment will provide for additional Construction Phase services required due to a revision in the construction schedule for Austin Energy's new System Control Center (SCC) located at 2500 Montopolis Drive. From August 2009 to present, the estimated duration of the Construction Phase has increased from 14 months to 20 months primarily due to adjustments in the bid schedule mandated by City processes. This additional six months must be provided for, but is allocated as a separate task and will only be charged when and if used.

The consultant has completed the design for this facility and is now working with DPR Construction, Inc., the Construction Manager at Risk, to ensure the effective implementation of the design through the Construction Phase.

In October 2005, the City Manager was directed by City Council to relocate the existing Energy Control Center (ECC) from its West Avenue location so that the property could be incorporated into the Seaholm and downtown redevelopment efforts. In July 2007, Austin Energy purchased an existing building and surrounding 12 acres from Tokyo Electron, located at 2500 Montopolis Drive, with the objective of using this property for the ECC relocation project. This new facility, the System Control Center (SCC), will house current ECC employees as well as several other compatible workgroups within Austin Energy.

When complete, the existing building will increase in size from 120,000 to 174,000 square feet. A new 18,000 square foot building will be built to house Austin Energy's Distribution Construction Maintenance group as well as provide a covered area for bucket trucks. These facilities will provide Austin Energy with state of the art control and data centers required to meet North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards. Additionally, the SCC will provide laboratory and development spaces required to support advancement of the Smart Grid and will meet current standards for physical security appropriate to the industry.

Both existing and new buildings will support photovoltaic (PV) systems which are expected to generate approximately 517kW and 144 kW of power, respectively. When installed, these PV systems will be the largest rooftop installations in Austin Energy's portfolio.

The SCC project is targeting a LEED silver certification for design and construction. This project supports Austin Energy's commitment to renewable energy as stated in the 2003 Strategic Plan and the Austin Climate Protection Plan. The Strategic Plan calls for Austin Energy to implement a highly visible public awareness and education program involving the installation of photovoltaic projects at schools, libraries, community centers, and city buildings. Additionally the SCC project is participating in the City's Art in Public Places initiative.