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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10866	Agenda Number	41.
Meeting Date:	December 8, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 14 to a requirements contract with ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO, Corpus Christi, TX, for transmission utility line clearance services for Austin Energy to extend the current contract period by six months and to increase the contract authorization in an estimated amount not to exceed \$750,000, for a revised estimated contract amount not to exceed \$8,622,228.66.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Contract Amendment			
Prior Council Action:	August 24, 2006 - Approved 24-month contract; August 21, 2008 - Approved three 12-month extension options; November 10, 2011 - Approved Amendment No. 13 to increase contract.			
For More Information:	Karen Williams, Senior Buyer (512) 322-6467			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.			
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) with 14.15% MBE and 3.10% WBE subcontractor participation to date.			
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

This proposed contract Amendment will provide continuation of professional transmission utility line clearance services including, but not limited to, scheduled vegetation maintenance and storm restoration capabilities, tree pruning and/or removal of various types of vegetation growing within Austin Energy's (AE) electrical facilities, utility easements and rights-of-way. The work sites generally consist of the geographical area encompassing the transmission corridors used by AE including those within AE's service territory, as well as those outside the territory, such as the transmission corridors from the Fayette Power Project.

This contract was competitively bid and approved by Council in 2006 for one 24-month base period in the amount of \$3,017,266.66, with direction to return to Council after that period to request the addition of three 12-month extension options. This recommended Council action is for approval of Amendment No. 14 to increase the current contract amount by \$750,000 and extend the current contract term by six months, at which time the City expects a new contract to be in place. The contract term is to be extended and due to expire on June 26, 2012.

A new solicitation for these services was issued on October 3, 2011 and award is expected by February 2012. Clearance of these lines is critical to the reliability of AE's transmission system and it is imperative that a contract be in place until execution of the new contract.

Contract Summary

Action	Description	Amount
Original Contract awarded 08-28-2006 – 8/27/2008	Original 24-month contract	\$ 3,017,266.66
Amendment No.1	Added line items for additional labor classes	\$0.00
Amendment No.2	Incorporated Oak Wilt Prevention Policy	\$0.00
Amendment No. 3	Per Council Approval, added three 12-month extension options, and exercised first option	\$1,508,633.00
Amendment No. 4	Adjusted billing rates per economic price adjustment clause; 8/4/2008	\$ 0.00
Amendment No. 5	Corrected numbering on Amendment 4	\$0.00
Amendment No. 6	Adjusted billing rates per economic price adjustment clause; 3/25/2009	\$0.00
Amendment No. 7	Added line items for additional labor classes	\$0.00
Amendment No. 8	Exercise second 12-month option	\$1,524,171.00
Amendment No. 9	Added line items for additional equipment & chemicals	\$0.00
Amendment No. 10	Exercise third 12-month option	\$1,532,158.00
Amendment No. 11	Adjusted billing rates per economic price adjustment clause; 6/20/2011	\$0.00
Amendment No. 12	120 day holdover	\$0.00
Amendment No. 13	Increased contract amount per Critical Business Need due to Bastrop fires, Approved by Council 11/10/2011	\$290,000
Proposed Amendment No. 14	Increase current contract term by six months and add additional funding	\$750,000
Total Revised Contract Amount		\$8,622,228.66

