

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

18430

Agenda Number

18.

Meeting Date:

September 27, 2012

Department:

Contract Management

## Subject

Authorize the use of Job Order Contracting and Competitive Sealed Proposal project delivery methods in accordance with Government Code Chapter 2267 and 271 for implementation of Austin Energy's Home Efficiency Assistance Program (HEAP).

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing  
Language:

Prior Council  
Action:

For More  
Information:

Lynda Williams 974-3066; Joe Guerrero 482-5394; April Shaw 974-7141.

Boards and  
Commission  
Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

## Additional Backup Information

Austin Energy offers free home-energy weatherization improvements to customers with low-to-moderate incomes. These improvements reduce energy costs and create a more comfortable and safe living environment. Currently, the need for weatherization services by low income customers in the Austin Energy Service area far exceeds the available level of assistance. An initial home energy audit of a home's energy performance, conducted by Austin Energy, will establish the priority of energy improvement measures necessary to increase the energy efficiency level of a particular housing unit. The use of the Job Order Contracting methodology will allow the City to contract with multiple qualified contractors to perform the required weatherization improvements. It is the City's intent to issue up to two separate Job Order Contract solicitations for implementation of Austin Energy's weatherization program which include: 1) Basic Weatherization and 2) Basic Weatherization Plus HVAC. The use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) method will allow for the selection of a contractor who provides the best value to the City for the third component of the HEAP, Weatherization Test Out.

As set forth in Government Code Chapter 2267, the City of Austin will select Job Order Contractors, who provide the best value to the City of Austin. Job Order Contracting ("JOC") is a highly responsive contracting method that allows for services, where the work is for indefinite time and indefinite quantities and where job order assignments are awarded substantially on the basis of pre-described and pre-priced tasks. As set forth in Government Code Chapter 271, the City of Austin will select a contractor through the use of the CSP method who provides the best value to the City. This method is most closely aligned with traditional competitive bidding.