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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	30924	Agenda Number	9.
Meeting Date:	March 20, 2014				
Department:	Contract Management				
Subject					
Authorize additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,182,000 to the job order contract with GO GREEN SQUADS, LLC MCCULLOUGH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.; CLIMATE MECHANICAL, INC., AIRTECH ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.; GOOD NEIGHBOR MANAGEMENT, INC. DBA CITY CONSERVATION; AND AMERICAN CONSERVATION & AIR, INC., for Austin Energy's Home Efficiency Assistance (Free Home Weatherization) Program Tier 2 Basic Weatherization Plus HVAC to be distributed to contractors based on work authorization and availability.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$982,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Water Utility.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	May 23, 2013 - Authorized negotiation and execution of a Job Order Contracts with contractors listed above; September 27, 2012 - Authorized use of Job Order Contracting Project Delivery Method.				
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 18, 2014 - Approved unanimously by the Resource Management Commission on a 5-0 vote. February 24, 2014 - Approved unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote. March 12, 2014 - Approved unanimously by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote.				
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified and no goals were established for the solicitation. Although no goals were				

	established for this solicitation, contractors are required to comply with the MBE /WBE Procurement Program if subcontracting opportunities are identified.
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Additional Backup Information	
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Austin Energy offers free home energy improvements to customers with low-to-moderate incomes. These improvements not only reduce energy costs, but they create a more comfortable and safe living environment. In addition, Austin Water Utility offers free high efficiency bathroom and kitchen aerators and showerheads and rebates for water efficient appliances.

Currently, the need for weatherization services by low income customers in the Austin Energy and Austin Water Utility service areas exceeds the available level of assistance. This request for additional funding authority for the Home Efficiency Assistance (Free Home Weatherization) Program-Tier 2 Basic Weatherization Plus HVAC is needed to meet current and projected needs. If approved, the funding will be distributed to the job order contractors based on work authorization and availability. Austin Water Utility has dedicated and authorized a total of \$200,000 towards this project. No additional funding for Austin Water Utility's share of the project is being requested above the authorized amount.

The Tier 2 contract was executed on June 23, 2013, for a one-year initial term subject to availability of funding with the City option to renew the contract term for one additional year. To date, of the approximately 750 homes that have been assessed, 212 homes have been weatherized with related repairs under this contract and an additional 120 homes have been assessed by this program for weatherization and repairs. The City estimates that up to 215 homes could receive weatherization improvements under this contract.

An initial audit of the home's energy and water performance, conducted by the City, will establish the priority of improvement measures necessary to increase the energy and water efficiency level. Types of work performed under this contract include: sealing the home to address air infiltration; installing attic insulation, solar screens, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors; repairing leaking faucets; repairing or replacing toilets; and potentially replacing electric or natural gas appliances. Work may also include repair or replacement, in part or whole, of the home's heating and cooling system and/or duct system by qualified and licensed staff or subcontractors.