



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with AIRGAS SOUTHWEST, Austin, TX, for flame resistant jackets and coveralls in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$118,432.11.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$45,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Austin Energy;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Dolores Castillo, Senior Buyer/322-6466

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: This contract was be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract was awarded administratively on September 15, 2004, in an amount not to exceed \$36,716.05, with two six-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$18,358.03 per extension option, to provide Austin Energy (AE) field personnel with arc resistant jackets, coveralls and hoods, as per AE's Safety Clothing & Personnel Protection Equipment Guidelines. This type of flame resistant clothing is required for individuals working in an environment which may expose them to hazards that could cause severe or fatal burn injuries. After the source of ignition is removed, flame resistant garments will self-extinguish, limiting the extent of injury.

Initially, this type clothing was only required for personnel that worked on hi-voltage areas. A recent change to the AE's Safety Clothing & Personnel Protection Equipment Guidelines requires any AE staff member that works with electricity and in or near an "arcing" situation should wear flame resistant winter safety clothing. This additional funding will provide for approximately 140 jackets and 180 coveralls in the current contract period. Additional funding is not required for the extension options. This Amendment is to increase the contract to allow for the purchase of additional clothing. Contract amendments in excess of a 25% increase are permitted under Austin Energy's purchasing guidelines approved by council on March 30, 2000.