



**Purchasing Supply Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, Huntington Beach, CA, for photovoltaic modules and inverters in an amount not to exceed \$295,700.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Amended Operating Budget of Austin Energy, Conservation, Rebates and Incentives Fund. The State Energy Conservation Office is providing \$100,000 grant for the Solar on Schools program.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:for Austin Energy; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Calles, Buyer II/322-6490

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of three bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will 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 will secure the purchase of photovoltaic (PV) modules and inverters for installation on ten City of Austin community centers and branch libraries and for ten schools located in the Austin Energy (AE) service area. One of the key components of AE's energy resource strategy is a commitment to solar energy, and this project will fulfill one of the goals stated in AE's 2003 Strategic Plan. The plan calls for AE to implement a highly visible public awareness program that will involve the installation of PV education projects at schools, branch libraries, and community centers. Installation of this equipment is planned for the summer of 2005 and will be completed by October 2005. A separate solicitation will be issued for the installation of this equipment.

The State Energy Conservation Office is providing a \$100,000 grant for the City's Solar on Schools program. Schools in the AE service territory are being contacted and applications to participate are being accepted. The grant money will be used for the purchase of the PV modules and for part of the installation cost.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 0/1

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0



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BID TABULATION

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL PRICE</u>
Sharp Electronics Huntington Beach, CA	\$295,700.00
Texas Solar Power Austin, TX	\$344,000.00
EcoEnergies, Inc. Sunnyvale, CA	\$352,534.80

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Five notices were sent including one WBE. There were no MBEs listed for this commodity code. Nine solicitations were issued. Three bids were received. WBE did not respond.
- c. There was no prior solicitation for this type of service.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bidder.
- b. Austin Energy concurs with the recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the internet.