



Thursday, September 28, 2006

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**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 46

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with TAS Environmental Services, L. P., Fort Worth, TX, for remediation of hazardous materials spills in an estimated amount not to exceed \$305,558.76, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$305,558.76 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,527,793.80.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$305,558.76 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup
Material**

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No Attachments Available

For More Information: Martha L. Gaines, Buyer II/322-6583

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposals of four proposals received.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for emergency remediation of hazardous materials spills. Austin Energy owns and operates high voltage network and substation transformers, and lower voltage overhead and padmount transformers. Some of the transformers and other oil-filled electrical equipment contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Spills from transformers can occur anywhere in the Austin Energy system, which includes all of Travis County and substations in surrounding counties.

The Utility is required by local, state, and federal regulatory agencies to respond to spills from leaking transformers and other hazardous materials sources. Austin Energy requires the services of a contractor to respond quickly to oil spills from electrical equipment to stop the spill, contain the spill, and remediate the spill to levels required by state and federal environmental regulations.

To respond to these requirements, proposals were solicited for the establishment of a service agreement with a contractor qualified to respond to Potentially Hazardous Spills (PCB concentrations of 10 parts per million or greater) and Non-Hazardous Spills (PCB concentrations of less than 10 parts per million). Four proposals were received. Proposals were evaluated based on applicable corporate experience, personnel qualifications, an understanding of the Austin Energy spill response process as demonstrated through written responses to scenarios given in the proposal instructions, and costs for labor, equipment, and supplies typically used in spill response and remediation.

MBE/WBE solicited: 8/6 MBE/WBE responded: 0/0

RFP No. MG06300021 PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition. b. Twenty-five notices were sent including eight MBEs and six WBEs. Seven proposals were issued. Four proposals were received with no response from the MBEs/WBEs. APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a. Best evaluated proposal. b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award. c. Advertised on the Internet.