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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION ITEM No 30

Subject Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with UTILIQUEST, LLC, Atlanta, GA, for underground utility locating services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$465,000 with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$232,500 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$930,000

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$193,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of Austin Energy Funding for the remaining 14 months of the original contract period and 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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D UTILIQUEST BID TAB

For More Information Dolores Castillo, Sr Buyer/322-6466

Purchasing Language Lowest bid of three bids received

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

This agreement will provide Austin Energy (AE) with ready access to equipment, materials and qualified personnel to safely and effectively provide underground electrical utility locating services. The contractor shall respond as required to all excavation notices directed to AE through the Texas One-Call Center or any other source in accordance with the current Texas Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act Services include, but are not limited to painting, flagging, or staking in accordance with the current State and AE specifications. These services are required for the purpose of safeguarding underground and subsurface facilities from excavation damage.

MBE/WBE Solicited 13/3 MBE/WBE Bid 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS a Adequate competition b Eighteen notices were solicited including 13 MBEs and three WBEs. Seven solicitations were issued. Three bids were received with no response from MBEs/WBEs. c. This is the first purchase of this type, therefore, there is no pricing history available. Until recently, AE personnel provided this service.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a Lowest bid b The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award c Advertised on the Internet

AGENDA DATE 11/30/2006 VENDOR NAME UTILIQUEST, LLC

BID TABULATION IFB No DC06300020 Underground Locating Services

<u>Vendor</u>	Total Price for 12-month period
Utiliquest Atlanta, GA	\$232,500
Underground Lines Sterling Heights, MI	\$275,298
Unibar Maintenance Ann Arbor, MI	\$278,700

A bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office