

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 33

Subject Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with DETECTENT, INC , Escondido, CA, for the identification of commercial accounts that appear to be involved in theft of electrical energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$311,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$311,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,244,000

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$207,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining four 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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No Attachments Available

For More Information Sandy Calles, Buyer Sr /322-6487

Purchasing Language Sole Source

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 will assist Austin Energy in identifying commercial accounts that appear to be involved in the theft of service. An analytical approach is used where no visible physical evidence has been previously discovered to indicate theft of service. Benefits of the service include increased revenue with existing resources, detection of metering and billing errors, deterrence of future theft of service, and reduction of lost and unaccounted-for energy service. It also provides monitoring for theft and metering errors in automated metering environments.

Detectent is the only vendor with the knowledge, expertise and technical solution available to meet all of the requirements of Austin Energy. Detectant is the only known source that provides detectant services that target the commercial accounts sector and are hardware independent.