

AGENDA



Thursday, May 13, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 20

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with SIMGENICS, CORP., Grand Junction, CO, for operator simulator training services for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$236,800, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$118,400 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$473,600.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$39,466 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 20 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.

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

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of two 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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

This contract will provide a qualified contractor to perform operator simulator training for startup operation and unit upsets of the conventional gas fired and combined cycle combustion units at Decker Creek Power Station and the Sand Hill Energy Center.

The training will be conducted twice a year for a total of eight training sessions. The training will focus on the ability to start the units from cold and hot stand-by conditions, recognize and operate under normal conditions, and respond to unit upset conditions. This training will improve employee skills and increase plant reliability. The contractor will provide a high fidelity simulator system, training materials, software, hardware, books, reference materials, and reports with results on training effectiveness.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 33/6

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Two hundred-thirty-four notices were sent, including six MBEs and 33 WBEs. Two proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal received.
- b. The Purchasing office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.