

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Austin Energy RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 3

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Antonio to allow cooperation and joint purchasing efforts with respect to implementing the Retrofit Ramp-Up Program under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding for is available from the U.S. Department of Energy pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, from June 1, 2010 to June 1, 2013. No match is required.

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

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

This proposed cooperative agreement by which either City (Austin Energy) or the City of San Antonio may solicit and purchase goods and services for the Retrofit Ramp-Up Program will achieve cost savings and efficiencies by eliminating multiple government solicitations and reducing the administrative and overhead costs of both suppliers and participating governments.

The City (Austin Energy) and the City of San Antonio will share expertise and resources in order to efficiently provide weatherization services. Both Austin Energy and the City of San Antonio received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding through the U.S. Department of Energy for the Retrofit Ramp-Up Program. Coordination and cooperation may occur in the following areas of program implementation:

- Exchange of resources regarding eligibility and application
- Program resources
- Exchange of equipment
- Program training and certification
- Analysis or studies for development, design and implementation
- Coordination of Davis Bacon Act (Federal Labor Standards Act) Implementation