

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 43**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with TEXAS CRANE SERVICES, San Antonio, TX for the rental and operation of hydraulic and lattice boom cranes in an estimated amount not to exceed \$116,915, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$116,915, per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$467,660.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$29,229 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining nine 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:** Terry Nicholson, Sr. Buyer, 322-6586

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of two bids 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 Electrical Utility Commission.

This contract will provide Austin Energy (AE) with access to cranes, labor, qualified personnel, and tools required to safely lift, load, transport, and unload heavy utility equipment and materials on an as needed basis. This contract is necessary to augment the existing AE crews and equipment.

The equipment and materials to be moved will include, but are not limited to, transmission towers, reinforcing steel, manhole forms, and transformers weighing in excess of 200,000 pounds. The contract includes both regular services which are defined as work performed within five working days of notification and emergency services, which refer to work performed within four hours of notification from AE.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-two notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no known MBEs available for this service. Two bids were received, with no response from the WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 18% decrease from the last contract award made in January 2006.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received. Texas Crane is not the current provider of these services.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.