

AGENDA



Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 39**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with SIMPLEX GRINNELL L.P., Round Rock, TX, or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. SMH0112, for inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair service for fire suppression and alarm systems for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$300,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$300,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$225,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining three 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: Shawn Harris, Sr. Supervising Buyer/512-505-7351

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of three 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 contract.

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

This contract will provide inspection, testing, maintenance services, minor repairs, and required upgrades for the fire protection systems at multiple Austin Energy locations including the Decker Creek Power Station, Holly Power Plant and Lab Facilities, and Sand Hill Energy Center.

The systems and devices to be serviced under this agreement include fire, smoke, heat, and gas detection alarm systems including all detection devices, monitor modules, interface relays, tamper switches, pressure switches, warning lights, manual pulls, control panels, and other related equipment. The recommended vendor is a licensed and experienced company in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association, National Electric Code, Texas Insurance Code, and Texas Administrative Code. They will provide 24/7 emergency service and have a computer management system to reliably track and document all inspections, repairs, and any other requirements.

Some of the requirements the plants have are different than those you would find in a building type setting necessitating a separate contract. This contract includes systems in places such as turbine engine housings, oil storage tanks, control rooms, and laboratories. Systems include both wet and dry such as deluge, CO2, FM-200, Halon and other chemical/gaseous specialized type suppression systems as well as service for specialized alarm devices for gases inside the laboratories. The scope specifically requires the Contractors to adhere to existing AE programs such as confined spaces and lockout/tagout which are again pretty specific to this industry. This scope also included a 2-hour maximum response time 24/7/365 for a service request.

An Austin Energy team evaluated the proposals and unanimously chose this proposal as the best to provide this service. The criteria evaluated included the companies proposed program concept and solution, applicable experience including references, certifications, licenses, and total evaluated cost.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PROPOSAL ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-seven notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Three 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.