



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 17
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with ADVANCE LANDSCAPE DESIGNS, Austin, TX for landscape installation and design services at the Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$119,915.35.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Approved Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Austin Energy;

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Gaines, Buyer II/322-6583

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of three bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). 58% MBE and 35% WBE Subcontractor Participation

This contract will provide landscape installation and design services at the Sand Hill Energy Center. These services will include planting of grass, trees, and shrubs. Plant construction began in the year 2000 where existing trees had to be removed. The City is required to install/replace a minimum of 17 trees because of the construction. The Control/Administration building was constructed in accordance with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles set by the U.S. Green Building Council. The landscaping around the building itself is the last step in completing the requirements under this program and will allow Austin Energy to apply for the LEED certification. The remainder of the non-developed parts of the site will be graded and planted with grass for erosion and dust control.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 14.1% MBE and 15% WBE. The recommended firm provided a Compliance Plan which was approved by the Department of Small Minority and Business Resources.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 24/5

MBE/WBE Bid: 1/0



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**BID TABULATION
IFB # MG05300016A
Landscape Design Services
(13 line items)**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Capital Tree Relocators, LLC Austin, TX	\$113,418.30*
Williamson Land Development Austin, TX	\$117,322.08**
Advance Landscape & Design Austin, TX	\$119,915.35

* Bidder was deemed non-compliant because they did not meet the MBE/WBE Procurement Program requirements as established for this solicitation.

** Bidder was deemed non-responsive because they did not submit a completed Compliance Plan as required in the solicitation.

A complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office.

SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION BREAKDOWN

<u>Prime Participation (Non-MBE-WBE)</u>	<u>\$ 8,205.29</u>	<u>7%</u>
<u>MBE Subcontractor Participation</u>	<u>\$69,163.06</u>	<u>58%</u>
<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>\$69,163.06</u>	<u>58%</u>
H & H Construction (Hauling) Austin, TX		
<u>WBE Subcontractor Participation</u>	<u>\$42,547.00</u>	<u>35%</u>
Fuquay, Inc. (Erosion Control) Austin, TX	\$15,696.00	13%
Studio Majic (Picnic Table) Austin, TX	\$ 1,500.00	1%
Artestic Landscapes Paige, TX	\$25,351.00	21%

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Thirty-two notices were sent including twenty-four MBEs and five WBEs. Nine solicitations were issued. Three bids were received, including one MBE. The WBEs did not respond.
- This is the first purchase of these types of services; therefore, there is no bid history.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Low bid meeting specification.
- Austin Energy concurs with the recommended award.
- Advertised on the Internet.



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CIP BUDGET
Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

10/6/2005

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT:

Austin Energy

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name: **Power Production**
Project Authorization: 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 342,324,850.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 18,847,763.65
Amount of This Action		<u>(119,915.35)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u><u>\$ 18,727,848.30</u></u>

Use of Remaining Balance:

Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project.

Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project:

No remaining funds anticipated at this time.

Director, Planning & Budget

Signature: 

Date: 9/30/05