



**Purchasing Supply Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month service agreement with CENTRAL TEXAS COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONING, Austin, TX to rent emergency chillers for the District Cooling Plant in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:for Austin Energy; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

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

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Only bid 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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

The contract will allow Austin Energy (AE) to enter into a service agreement to have temporary chillers immediately available (within 24 hour notice), on an as needed basis, to provide emergency, back-up chilled water service to its customers should circumstances warrant.

AE's Downtown District Cooling Plant sells chilled water as a utility service by distributing the chilled water from a central plant to individual buildings through a network of underground pipes. The plant serves downtown customers along the 3rd Street corridor, i.e., hotels, City Hall, Convention Center. These customers rely solely on AE to keep their buildings cool by providing consistent and reliable chilled water services for their buildings. Should there be an interruption to the District Cooling Plant, AE must have a backup source for chilling the water.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION
IFB # MG05300017A
(Emergency Chiller Rental)**

**VENDOR
CENTRAL TEXAS COMMERCIAL
Austin, TX**

**TOTAL BID
\$250,000**

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Thirteen notices were sent, including four MBEs. Three solicitations were issued. One bid was received. The MBEs did not respond. There are no WBEs listed for this commodity code.
- b. Calls were placed to the twelve vendors that did not bid to inquire as to the reason they did not submit a bid. They do not rent chillers, but only provide service for chillers.
- c. Austin Energy has not rented chillers in the past; therefore, there is no cost history.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Only bid.
- b. Austin Energy concurs with the recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.