

Weatherization Committee Recommendations to the MBE/WBE & Small Business Advisory Committee on 3/15/2011

At the Weatherization Committee meeting held on 2/15/11, the committee, ABCA and Mr. Cisneros recommended the following changes to the weatherization program and on a motion by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Walters, they agreed to forward these recommendations to the MBE/WBE & Small Business Advisory Committee;

- Separate out the different activities (scopes of work) as follows:
 - Test In
 - Test Out
 - AC work
 - Weatherization
 - Appliances

- Ensure all contractors know on the front end what type of certifications or licensing is required
- AC companies not allowed to be primes, weatherization firms should get the opportunity vs. the AC companies.
- Local companies should get extra points over companies located outside SLBP.
- Homes or "files" distributed equally to the subcontractors.
- Don't allow prime contractors to work in more than one area.
- Sanctions be applied to program for non-compliance.
- Institute a set number of home weatherization experiences as a requirement for each category or scope of work.
- Austin Energy purchase their own equipment instead of using subcontractors' equipment.
- Any contractor that conducted outreach to get homes into program should not then benefit from being assigned those files/projects. The files should go into a "pool" for all to share.
- Austin Energy should be conducting all outreach, not contractors.
- Urge Austin Energy to aggressively seek out any additional dollars available for this program and ask that the Advisory Committee urge City Council.
- Place MBE/WBE goals on project.
- Add to matrix; if the contractor met their goals on previous projects, give them more points.