

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12151	Agenda Number	57.
Meeting Date:	1/12/2012			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 3 to nine requirements service contracts with A-PLUS ENERGY MANAGEMENT & A/C, Austin, TX; AMERICAN CONSERVATION & AIR, Austin, TX; APPLE ENERGY GROUP, LLC, Austin, TX; ATS ENGINEERING & INSPECTORS, Austin, TX; CITY CONSERVATION, Austin, TX; MCCULLOUGH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC., Austin, TX; CONSTANT ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC, Spring, TX; THE INSTITUTE FOR BUILDING TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY, Herndon, VA; and THE NELROD COMPANY, Fort Worth, TX, to increase the contract for weatherization test out audit services in an estimated combined contract amount not to exceed \$50,000, for a revised estimated combined contract amount not to exceed \$478,000. Related to Items 6 and 56.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Austin Energy Operating Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20110912-005, from the Department of Energy (DOE) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for the grant period of October 1, 2009 to February 28, 2012. No match is required.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Contract Amendment.			
Prior Council Action:	April 8, 2010 – Approved nine 24-month contracts; April 7, 2011 – Approved amendment increasing contract authority.			
For More Information:	Shawn Harris, Supervising Sr. Buyer/505-7351			
Boards and Commission Action:				
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.			

Related Items:**Additional Backup Information**

On April 8, 2010, Council approved nine 24-month requirements service contracts for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) weatherization test-out final inspection audit services in an estimated combined amount not to exceed \$250,000. On April 7, 2011 Council approved a \$178,000 increase to these contracts to allow for additional ARRA weatherization test-out final inspection audit services under the program. The audit determines that the approved weatherization construction measures/improvements have been completed correctly and ensure that a savings-to-investment ratio (SIR) is greater than or equal to one. The test-out final inspection ensures that the weatherization measures have increased the energy efficiency level of each home.

The Department of Energy, through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, has offered Austin Energy ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) additional stimulus grant funds of \$900,000 to weatherize homes for low-income, elderly, and disabled customers within Austin Energy's service area. The additional grant funds have been awarded to the City of Austin/Austin Energy's WAP from TDHCA to fund the completion of a low-income apartment complex that the current funding level would not allow. This proposed action is to approve an increase to the weatherization test-out audit services contract to allow Austin Energy to complete two multi-family complexes; 54 units at Mount Carmel and 128 units at Chase Village. These additional units will receive weatherization services, which can include heater/air conditioner replacement, insulation repairs and additions, sealing around doors and windows, and the replacement of gas stoves found to be leaking carbon monoxide. This additional funding will also allow Austin Energy to complete the remaining qualified single family units within the time permitted.

The original federal grant was for \$5,969,774 for the grant period from October 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011 and was estimated to provide for the audit and weatherization of 1,000 low income, elderly, and disabled Austin Energy customers homes. To date, Austin Energy has a total of 1,474 homes completed or in the process of receiving a final inspection. This is the 5th reobligation of additional stimulus funds that Austin Energy has received for the WAP with the grant period extended through March 31, 2012.

Results to Date:

- Test-In Assessments: 2,030
- Weatherized Homes: 1,474
- Test-Out Inspections: 1,560

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

Original Contract	Original 24-month contract	\$250,000
Amendment No.1	Amended contract to add FACTA requirements	\$ 0
Amendment No. 2	Increase contract amount from additional Federal funding to allow for additional weatherization final inspection audits	\$178,000
Proposed Amendment No. 3	Increase contract amount from additional Federal funding to allow for additional weatherization final inspection audits	\$50,000
		\$478,000

Total Revised Contract Amount			