

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

25936

Agenda Number

13.

Meeting Date:

August 29, 2013

Department:

Contract Management

## Subject

Authorize the use of the competitive sealed proposal method for construction of emergency power and building improvements to the Information System Building 7355 at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, in accordance with the Texas Government Code.

## Amount and Source of Funding



## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing  
Language:Prior Council  
Action:For More  
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Boards and  
Commission  
Action:

August 13, 2013 - Approved by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission on a 5-0-1-1 vote with Commissioner Murphy abstaining.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

## Additional Backup Information

The Aviation Department Information Systems Building 7355, located on the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport campus, has undergone numerous upgrades over the past few years. It currently houses a significant number of communications/security systems equipment and personnel that are vital to successful airport operations.

There is a need to increase reliability of power to the building; relying on a single power feed from the electric utility involves risk. Consequently, and in cooperation with Austin Energy, this project will install a dual-power feed to the building, reducing the probability of a building power outage to further improve power reliability and the existing building emergency power systems. Minor building renovation work will also occur, to better accommodate the needs of building occupants.

This project requires a contractor with the ability to perform the specified work within a very sensitive and secure environment due to the critical nature of the building systems to airport operations.

It is recommended that this work be delivered under the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of contracting set forth in state statutes. A Competitive Sealed Proposal is the alternative delivery method most closely related to traditional competitive bidding. The principal difference is that the City makes its selection of the respondents based on evaluation criteria consisting of, but not limited to, safety record and safety practices, comparable relevant project experience, sustainability practices, local business presence, financial stability, and price. Unlike traditional competitive bidding, price is a portion of the overall evaluation score.

A city-staffed panel will review, evaluate, and rank proposals based on stated evaluation criteria. The services will be provided by a duly qualified and experienced contractor offering best value to the City.

The project is currently in Design Phase and it is anticipated that construction will begin in the spring of 2014.