

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	36917	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	November 20, 2014
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Department:	Contract Management
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**Subject**

Authorize additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 to the job order contract with GO GREEN SQUADS, LLC (WBE /FW); MCCULLOUGH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.; CLIMATE MECHANICAL, INC., AIRTECH ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.; GOOD NEIGHBOR MANAGEMENT, INC. DBA CITY CONSERVATION; AND AMERICAN CONSERVATION & AIR, INC., for Austin Energy's Home Efficiency Assistance (HEAP) Program Tier 2 Basic Weatherization Plus HVAC, to be distributed to the contractors based on work authorization and availability.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

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

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	<p>March 20, 2014 - Authorized additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,182,000 for Tier 2 Basic Weatherization Plus HVAC;</p> <p>May 23, 2013 - Authorized negotiation and execution of a Job Order Contracts not to exceed \$1,500,000 with Go Green Squads, LLC; McCullough Heating &amp; Air, Inc.; Climate Mechanical, Inc.; Airtech Energy Systems, Inc.; Good Neighbor Management, Inc. DBA City Conservation; and American Conservation &amp; Air, Inc.;</p> <p>September 27, 2012 - Authorized the use of a Job Order Contracting Project Delivery Method.</p>
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Boards and Commission Action:	<p>To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on November 17, 2014.</p> <p>To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission on November 18, 2014.</p>
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified and no goals were established for the solicitation. Although no goals were established for this solicitation, contractors are required to comply with the MBE /WBE Procurement Program if subcontracting opportunities are identified.
<b>Additional Backup Information</b>	
<p>Austin Energy (AE) offers free home-energy improvements to customers with low-to-moderate incomes. These improvements not only reduce energy costs, they also create a more comfortable and safe living environment. In addition, Austin Water Utility offers free high efficiency bathroom and kitchen aerators and showerheads as well as rebates for water efficient appliances. An initial home water and energy audit is conducted to establish the priority of energy improvement measures necessary to increase the water and energy efficiency level of a particular home.</p> <p>The Tier 2 Basic Weatherization Plus HVAC contract was executed June 2013 for \$1,500,000.00. Additional funding was requested and approved on March 20, 2014 in the amount not-to exceed \$1,182,000. This request for additional funding authority for this contract is needed to meet current and projected needs. The current contract term will expire June 2015 and this RCA increases funding authority in the amount not-to exceed \$1,300,000 for total Tier 2 funding authorization NTE not to exceed \$3,982,000. The approved funding will be distributed among the job order contractors based on work authorization and availability.</p> <p>Going forward, the Tier 2 contract will not include HVAC replacement in order to align with industry best practices, reduce the number of days to deliver and be able to service more homes. The available funding will be used to perform basic weatherization improvements. This will include weatherization services such as sealing up the building structure to address air infiltration, installing attic insulation, duct repair and replacement, installing solar screens, installing smoke detectors and, installing carbon monoxide detectors, and repairing leaking faucets and commodes in partnerships with Austin Water Utility, the Housing Repair Coalition and Texas Gas Service. Austin Energy will continue to works with various non-profit agencies to provide additional support and alignment of resources to low income customers.</p> <p>To date, 380 homes have been weatherized and repaired under the Tier 2 contract. Currently, there are approximately 470 homes that have been weatherized and 1,153 customers whose homes have been assessed by this program for weatherization and repairs in the past two years.</p>	