

Thursday, August 9, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 26

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with POWER SUPPLY, Austin, TX, for electrical maintenance supplies in an estimated amount not to exceed \$106,070, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$53,035 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$212,140.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$8,840 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding for the remaining 22 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specification of six bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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 with Power Supply will provide for the supply of various electrical maintenance supplies such as channel, channel brackets, channel fittings, conduit tubing and fittings, fuses, tapes, pigtail sockets and tie raps. These electrical maintenance supplies will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Kramer and St. Elmo warehouses for immediate issue to underground and network distribution crews for general maintenance and construction on an as needed basis. These items are used to connect and splice underground electrical distribution cables.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 4/6 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition.

b. One hundred and thirty-five notices were sent, including four MBEs and six WBEs. Six bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.

c. The pricing offered represents a 106% increase to the last contract award in October 2004. The increase is due to higher prices of raw material (steel and copper products) and transportation costs. HD Electric, KBS, Techline, Dealers Electric, Graybar, GE Supply, and Hill Country Electric are the current suppliers for these supplies.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications.

b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.