

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Authorize award and execution of three 24-month requirements supply contracts for luminaries, floodlights, and associated parts with TECHLINE INC., Austin, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$798,876, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$399,438 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,597,752; and with POWER SUPPLY, Austin, TX in an estimated amount not to exceed \$95,070, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$190,140; and with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON, Austin, TX in an estimated amount not to exceed \$35,866 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$35,866 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$143,464.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$241,420 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 18 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 bids meeting specifications of three 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.

This contract will provide luminaries, floodlights, and associated parts to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Kramer and St. Elmo warehouses for immediate issue to illumination construction and maintenance crews for general maintenance and construction on an as needed basis. These items will enable Austin Energy to provide lighting throughout the utility service area.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 2/5 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition.

b. One hundred fifty-six notices were sent, including two MBEs and five WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

c. The pricing offered represents a 17% increase to the last contract award in June 2003. The increase is due to higher prices of copper and steel.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Lowest bids meeting specification received. Techline, Power Supply, and Priester-Mell & Nicholson are the current suppliers of these products.

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

c. Advertised on the Internet.