

AGENDA



Thursday, April 10, 2008

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 34

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with GRAYBAR ELECTRIC, Pflugerville, TX, for the purchase of Ion Meters in an amount not to exceed \$266,050.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer/322-6466

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid 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 Austin Energy (AE) with 157 Ion Meters to replace meters which have met their life expectancy or do not conform to the current Public Utility Commission standards for the ERCOT settlement and will be used throughout various substations.

Ion meters monitor power transmitted through the substation. Voltages and current values are automatically collected and sent to AE's Energy Control Center, where they can then be accessed by AE engineers via a secure internet connection. The Ion Meter meets ERCOT's requirement in measuring power with an ultra high accuracy.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 1/1 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-eight notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 3% decrease from the last purchase in October 2007.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.