

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 37**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with ABB c/o POWER SUPPLY INC., Austin, TX, for one circuit breaker in an amount not to exceed \$120,740.36.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid 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 Austin Energy with a single 145 kV, 40 kA synchronous circuit breaker as a new installation at the Hidden Valley Substation. Synchronous closed circuit breakers are used mainly in capacitor bank installations. The breaker can be operated locally or by remote control to disconnect equipment from the power system for maintenance purposes. It can also be operated automatically by the power system protection schemes when an overload or short-circuit condition is detected, thereby protecting equipment from excessive current.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ten notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no known MBEs available for this commodity. Three bids were received, with no response from the WBE. .
- c. The pricing offered represents a 33% increase to the last purchase in April 2004 due to the higher costs for steel, transportation, and labor.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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