Thursday, July 24, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 57

Subject: Authorize award and execution of four 6-month requirements supply contracts for electrical supplies with Techline Inc, Austin, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$79,836, with four 6-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$79,836, per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$399,180; Stuart C. Irby Co., Austin, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$18,207, with four 6-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$91,035; KBS Electrical Distributors, Inc., Austin, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$16,153, with four 6-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$16,153, per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$80,765; and with Texas Meter & Device, Waco, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$6,716, with four 6-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$6,716 per extension option, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$33,580.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$40,304 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining four 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 evaluated bids and low bids meeting specification of nine 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.

These contracts will provide for the supply of various electrical supplies and tools such as canvas bags, bolts, cable grips, and marking tape. These items will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Kramer and St. Elmo warehouses for immediate issue to crews for general maintenance and construction on an as needed basis.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 5/11 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred eighty-three notices were sent, including five MBEs and 11 WBEs. Nine bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 13% increase to the last contract award in February 2006. The increase is due to higher prices of raw material (steel and copper products) and transportation costs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bids meeting specification. Techline and Stuart C. Irby Co. are the current suppliers of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.