

AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 21

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with POWER SUPPLY, Austin, TX for 3-phase distribution reclosers for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$188,250, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$188,250 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$753,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$188,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

This contract will establish a 12-month supply contract to purchase an estimated 10 pole-mounted 3-phase distribution reclosers. Reclosers are installed on overhead electric distribution lines to sense a disturbance on the line, open the electric circuit to allow the disturbance to clear, and then reclose to restore power. Reclosers are strategically installed in the distribution system to minimize power outages and to reduce the time required for restoration efforts. Reclosers are commonly used in electric distribution systems, to improve system performance, reduce momentary power outages, improve reliability, and isolate permanent electrical faults.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. Six bids were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 5% decrease from the last contract award in May 2003.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications. Power Supply was not the previous supplier of this product.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.