

AGENDA



Thursday, April 22, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 23

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING LABORATORIES, INC., Pullman, WA, for electric substation relay panels in an estimated amount of \$1,411,468, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount of \$1,411,468 per extension option, for an estimated total contract amount of \$7,057,340.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$588,112 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining seven 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: Terry Nicholson, Senior Buyer/322-6586

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of seven 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 provide Austin Energy (AE) substations with a continuous supply of relay panels to be purchased on an as-needed basis. Electrical relays are used to protect AE's high voltage transmission lines, substation equipment, and distribution system. The relay panels, along with other related equipment, monitor the system and during unexpected conditions will isolate, protect, or continue operation as required.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/5

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Eighty-four notices were sent, including four MBEs and five WBEs. Seven bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an 8% increase to the last contract award made in February 2005.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. is the current provider of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.