

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 54

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with TECHLINE, INC., Austin, TX, for shoebox style street light fixtures and poles in an estimated amount not to exceed \$224,045, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$224,045 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,120,225.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$37,341 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 10 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 five 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) with a continuous supply of "shoebox" style streetlight fixtures and poles for new installations and to replace fixtures and poles that have failed or been damaged, as required. The "shoebox" style fixture is an assembly allowing AE to replace worn or damaged components without requiring a complete fixture replacement. The fixtures and poles are used throughout the AE service area.

MBE/WBE solicited: 5/4

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ninety-eight notices were sent, including five MBEs and four WBEs. Five bids were received with, no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 21% increase to the last contract award made September 2005. The increased cost is directly related to a change in cost of semi-finished steel prices which have increased by over 21% according to current preliminary index projections.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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