

AGENDA



Thursday, January 13, 2011

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 21

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with TECHLINE, INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of network protectors for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,658,020, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$829,010 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,316,040.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$829,010 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 15 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Gage Loots, Buyer II/512-322-6118

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-D 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 with network protectors of various voltage and current configurations. The protector consists of a circuit breaker, operating mechanism, network relay and control equipment. The protector permits two or more electrical feeders to be connected and simultaneously provide power to a common low voltage service. The network system is designed to provide maximum service continuity in heavy load density areas throughout the service area.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One-hundred twelve notices were sent, including three MBEs and two WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an 8% increase to the last contract award in June 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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