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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	7401	Agenda Number	74.
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Meeting Date:	June 23, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of 3-phase dead front switch gear for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$942,300, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$314,100 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,884,600.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$78,525 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 33 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.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid meeting specification of five bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II /322-6060
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on 6/20/11.
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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.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for 3-phase dead front switchgear for Austin Energy. These switchgear will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Decker Transformer Shop warehouse. Dead front switchgear are used for underground distribution systems, and are a collection of fuses and switches used for high voltage switching and circuit protection. This equipment will be used for existing and future improvements for underground projects such as campus-type industrial and commercial centers where there are multiple pieces of equipment and multiple customers to be protected.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 2/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GGU0092
3-Phase Dead Front Switch Gear
(4 line items)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Total Annual Bid</u>
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc. Austin, TX	\$317,100
KBS Electrical Austin, TX	\$332,147
Techline, Inc. Austin, TX	\$356,038
Power Supply Austin, TX	*
Electro-Mechanical dba Federal Pacific Bristol, VA	*

*Submitted bids for switch gear not meeting Austin Energy's QPL requirements for pretesting products.

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office web site.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Ninety-eight notices were sent, including two MBEs. There are no known WBEs for this commodity. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- The pricing offered represents a 8.13% increase from the last contract award June 2007.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications. Priester-Mell & Nicholson is not the current provider for these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.