

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	7573	Agenda Number	59.
Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011				
Department:	Purch	asing			

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with NOLAN POWER GROUP, LLC, Houston, TX for the purchase of battery banks for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$138,325, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$138,325 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$691,625.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$23,054 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining ten 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 of seven bids received.	
Prior Council		
Action:		
For More	Gage Loots, Buyer II/512-322-6118	
Information:	Gage Loots, Duyer 11/312-322-0110	
Boards and		
Commission	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.	
Action:		
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.	
Related Items:		

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide Austin Energy with 130-volt battery banks to be purchased on an as-needed basis. The battery banks have a minimum life expectancy of 20 years and each consists of 60 storage batteries. They will be installed at various substations, as replacements for batteries that have reached the end of their life expectancy and as new installations. The battery banks will provide Austin Energy with an uninterrupted supply for remote control, automatic indicating, protective and regulating apparatus, and emergency lights and power.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/4 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0017REBID Battery Banks (3 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	Total Annual Bid Amount
Nolan Power Group, LLC Houston, TX	\$138,825.00
Mesa Technical Associates, Inc. Cobleskill, NY	\$140,330.00
Storage Battery Systems, Inc. Menomee Falls, WI	\$147,048.60
Atlas Power Corp. Seattle, WA	\$150,290.00
Techline, Inc. Austin, TX	\$154,220.00
Primax Technologies, Inc. Dorval, QC, Canada	\$209,283.20
Industrial Equipment Co. of Houston Houston, TX	\$229,386.25

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Two-hundred fifty-one notices were sent, including four MBEs and four WBEs. Seven bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type with these specifications; therefore, there is no comparable pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.c. Advertised on the Internet.