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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	9162	Agenda Number	57.
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Meeting Date:	August 25, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with BRUGG CABLES, LLC, Rome, GA, for the purchase of optical power ground wire cable for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$753,450, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$251,150 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,506,900.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$251,150 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 35 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid meeting specification of eight bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gage Loots, Buyer II /512-322-6118
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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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.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide Austin Energy (AE) with three types of optical power ground wire (OPGW) cable on an as-needed basis. OPGW cable contains optical fibers within a tubular structure surrounded by layers of steel and aluminum wire which combines the functions of grounding and communications. The cable is run between the tops of high-voltage electricity pylons and the conductive part of the cable serves to bond adjacent towers; shielding the conductors from lightning strikes. The optical fibers within the cable are used for high-speed transmission of data including voice and video, allowing for a continuous flow of information throughout AE's telecommunications network.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0021

Optical Power Ground Wire Cable
(3 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 12 months
Brugg Cables, LLC Rome, GA	\$251,150.00
American Wire Group Hallandale, FL	\$251,975.00
KBS Electrical Distributors, Inc. Austin, TX	\$275,400.00
Power Supply, Inc. Austin, TX	\$280,300.00
Techline, Inc. Austin, TX	\$327,250.00
Galaxy Electronics Company Richardson, TX	\$370,250.00
Suzhou Furukawa Power Optic Cable Co., Ltd. Wujiang City, Jiangsu Province, China	*
AFL Telecommunications, LLC Duncan, SC	*

* Non-responsive, did not meet specifications as required by the solicitation.

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. One hundred eighty-three notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Eight bids were received, with no response from the MBE /WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 4% decrease from the last contract award made October 2005.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest responsive bid meeting specifications. Brugg Cables, LLC is the current provider of these goods.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.