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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

20497

Agenda Number

36.

Meeting Date:

December 13, 2012

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month contract with SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC., d/b/a SQUARE D COMPANY, to provide technical and customer support services for PowerLogic ION Enterprise / Enterprise Energy Management Systems for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$25,995, with four 12-month extension options for maintenance and support services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$25,995 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$129,975.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$19,496 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining three 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:

Sole Source

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Art Acuna, Senior Buyer/ (512) 322-6307

Boards and
Commission
Action:

Recommended by Electric Utility Commission.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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.

Additional Backup Information

This fixed price Premium Support Agreement (PSA) with Square D Company, Alameda, CA, will provide first priority technical assistance to Austin Energy's Power Quality monitoring system. A PSA is an agreement for proactive technical support service that provides priority customer support assistance to diagnose problems with the PowerLogic ION Enterprise / Enterprise Energy Management (EEM) Systems.

The City has a current software license with Square D Company for the PowerLogic ION Enterprise/EEM software. This support is critical to maintaining a stable Enterprise system on which large, external high tech customers and large internal power plant customers, including Austin Energy and field personnel depend. This system tracks Austin Energy's electric system performance, system status and it aids in preventive maintenance. The system is comprised of over 150 power quality, field-installed monitoring devices located throughout Austin Energy's electrical system. These monitors send critical power quality data to Austin Energy computer servers. Database servers and web servers process the data and place it on two secure websites allowing our customers to manage their power systems more efficiently. This allows our external and internal customers to view and create reports as required by the North American Reliability Commission (NERC) and Electric Reliability Commission of Texas (ERCOT).

PowerLogic ION Enterprise / EEM software is a sole source product, performed, sold and distributed solely by Schneider Electric, Inc. There are no other available authorized resellers or service providers. There are no other like items or products available that would serve the same purpose or function. Not having this product would have a negative impact on Austin Energy as well as their high tech customers in terms of creating a reliable electric system.

A contract of up to five years is being requested to allow Austin Energy to take advantage of today's industry prices and to guarantee Austin Energy will continue to have this support to maintain this critical power quality system investment for additional years.