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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	25699	Agenda Number	33.
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Meeting Date:	August 8, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with CAPP, INC., for the purchase of heat exchanger plates for Austin Energy's District Cooling Plant # 2 in an amount not to exceed \$66,630.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Oralia Jones, Senior Buyer /512-322-6594
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Boards and Commission Action:	July 15, 2013 - Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 5-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (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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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase and delivery of heat exchanger plates needed to improve the performance of the existing heat exchangers owned by Austin Energy and located at the Silicon Labs customer site. Austin Energy owns and operates a district cooling system serving thirty-one customers in the Downtown Central Business District.

The currently configured heat exchanger has an inefficient 7 degree approach. The purchase of these heat exchanger plates, which will be installed by AE personnel, will lower the approach to 4 degrees which will increase the chill water return temperature to the plants and improve plant performance. This project will allow Silicon Labs to be served with less flow of chill water. The chill water flow reduction will increase the chill water system efficiency and capacity to serve new downtown customers.

MBE /WBE solicited: 1/0

MBE /WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION
IFB No. OPJ0009 RE-BID
Heat Exchanger Plates
(6 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Capp, Inc. Clifton Heights, Pa	\$66,630.00
Products Unlimited, Inc. Justin, Tx	\$67,818.60
Globe Electric Houston, TX	\$67,893.78
Oilfield Components, Inc. Austin, TX	\$69,998.80
Tranter Inc. Wichita Falls, TX	*

* Non-responsive due to exceptions taken to the City's commercial terms and conditions.

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. Sixty-two notices were sent including one MBE. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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