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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	26244	Agenda Number	78.
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Meeting Date:	August 22, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a nine-month requirements supply contract with GT DISTRIBUTORS, INC., for the purchase of Arc-Rated pants for Austin Energy personnel exposed to energized equipment and arc flash hazards, in an amount not to exceed \$107,157.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$11,906 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining eight months of the original contract period 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 bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gage Loots, Supervising Senior Buyer, 512-322-6251
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on August 19, 2013.
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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 with GT Distributors, Inc. will provide Austin Energy with a supply of arc-rated pants on an as-needed basis. The pants will be worn by Austin Energy personnel who work in the vicinity of energized equipment to protect them from arc flash hazards. An initial order will be placed to provide the safety apparel for appropriate personnel and thereafter, orders will be placed for new employees or for replacement purposes.

In an ongoing effort to improve safety and reliability, Austin Energy conducted a multi-year Arc Flash Study on its transmission and distribution systems. Recommendations included several engineering modifications, which are being made, and additional safety apparel to further reduce employees' exposure limits. Specifically, the study recommended that workers exposed to arc flash hazards wear arc-rated pants, in addition to the arc-rated shirts and gloves currently worn. This recommendation is consistent with the newly-updated National Electric Safety Code (NESC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) personal protection requirements to include arc-rated pants for workers exposed to such hazards. In accordance with these safety standards, Austin Energy updated its personal protection clothing and equipment to include arc-rated pants to better protect employees.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/4

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0050
Arc-Rated Jeans
(14 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 9 months
GT Distributors, Inc. Austin, TX	\$107,156.02

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Sole bid received. Additional companies were interested in the solicitation; however, they declined to bid because they did not meet the requirement of having a store-front location in Austin as required by the solicitation. In addition, another vendor stated that they were not bidding due to the short contract length.
- One-hundred ninety-six notices were sent, including one MBE and four WBE. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE/WBE.
- This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Sole bid.
- The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- Advertised on the Internet.