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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	32096	Agenda Number	32.
Meeting Date:	May 1, 2014			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a 12-month supply contract with ACE CONTRACTOR SUPPLY for the purchase of arc-rated safety vests for Austin Energy personnel in an amount not to exceed \$71,739, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$14,348 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$114,783.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$29,891 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining seven 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 meeting specifications received.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Darralyn N. Johnson, Buyer I, 512-505-7293			
Boards and Commission Action:	April 21, 2014 - Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on 7-0 vote.			
Related Items:				
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.			
Additional Backup Information				

This contract with Ace Contractor Supply will provide Austin Energy with arc-rated safety vests to protect its personnel working in the vicinity of energized equipment. The safety vests are specially designed to protect crews from arc flash hazards and enhance their visibility while working outdoors. An initial order will be placed to provide safety vests for current personnel and thereafter, orders will be placed for new employees or to replace worn or damaged apparel.

Austin Energy conducted a multi-year Arc Flash Study on its transmission and distribution systems. In an ongoing effort to improve safety and reliability, engineering modifications continue to be made to reduce exposure limits. As a result of the study, recommendations were made regarding additional safety apparel for workers exposed to arc flash hazards. Austin Energy has updated its personal protection clothing and equipment to include arc-rated safety vests to protect employees.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/8

MBE/WBE bid: 0/1

BID TABULATION

IFB No. DNJ0103REBID
Safety Vests
(4 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
ACE Contractor Supply Austin, TX	\$71,739.00
Guardian Industrial Supply, LLC (WBE) Austin, TX	\$79,389.00
Matera Paper Co. Inc. Austin, TX	\$83,920.50
Saf-T-Glove Inc. Grand Prairie, TX	\$84,330.00
Alamo Iron Works San Antonio, TX	*
Airgas USA LLC Austin, TX	*

* Non-responsive. Bidders did not provide a sample within 15 business days after request by the City as specified in 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. Three hundred thirteen notices were sent including four WBEs and eight MBEs. Six bids were received, with one response from a WBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, no pricing history is available. Previous purchases were for non arc-rated safety vests.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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