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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

39014

Agenda Number

17.

Meeting Date:

January 29, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month contract with TRANSAMERICAN POWER PRODUCTS, INC., or another qualified offeror to RFP No. GAL0020, for the purchase of transmission and distribution steel utility poles for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$3,333,333 is available in the Austin Energy Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining 16 months of the original contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Best evaluated proposal.

Prior Council Action:



For More Information:

Gage Loots, Supervising Senior Buyer, 512-322-6251

Boards and Commission Action:

January 26, 2015 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

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 is for the purchase of steel utility poles for Austin Energy (AE). These poles will be used for transmission and distribution construction and maintenance projects. The contract will ensure a continued timely supply of poles for construction of new power lines and for upgrades of existing infrastructure. The purchase of this equipment will be made on an as-needed basis in order to maintain the reliability of the electrical system and to support construction and development activities in AE's service area.

An AE evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the proposals and based on the evaluation criteria, scored this proposal as the best to provide these products. This criteria included technical concept and solution, experience and performance capability, delivery lead times, cost, and local business presence.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease and staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected and contract negotiations may begin with the new provider.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 99 notices were sent, including three WBEs. There are no known MBEs for this commodity code. Nine proposals were received, with no response from the WBEs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal. TransAmerican Power Products, Inc. is the current provider of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.