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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

40382

Agenda Number

24.

Meeting Date:

February 26, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Cast lots and authorize award and execution of a contract in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.901 with TEXAS METER & DEVICE CO. LLC, WATTHOUR ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC., or RADIANT RESEARCH, INC., who submitted identical bids, to provide portable three-phase meter testers/analyzers for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$62,036.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Lowest responsive bid received resulting from the casting of lots.

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Paige McDonald, Buyer II, 512-322-6118

Boards and
Commission
Action:

February 23, 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 one-time purchase of two portable three-phase meter testers/analyzers for Austin Energy. The portable testers are used to ensure that electric meters, which measure customers' electricity usage, are installed and operating correctly so that customers' electrical usage is accurately recorded. Such field testing devices are all-in-one portable testing units that allow electric characteristics to be compiled and analyzed. They will be used by Austin Energy personnel to test electric meter installations, as well as the associated current transformers and wiring, at customer locations throughout the service area. These units can also be used to complete load tests and power quality checks at substations.

Three identical bids were received for this product. Per Chapter 271.901 of the Local Government Code, the municipality must select from the identical bids by the casting of lots. The casting of lots must be done in a manner prescribed by the Mayor and must be conducted in the presence of the City Council.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. MPM0022

Portable Three-Phase Meter Testers/Analyzers
(1 – line item, qty. 2)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Texas Meter & Device Waco, TX	\$62,036
Radian Research, Inc. Lafayette, IN	\$62,036
Watthour Engineering Company, Inc. Jackson, MS	\$62,036
Texas Electric Cooperatives Georgetown, TX	*

*Non-responsive. Offered product did not meet specifications as required by the solicitation.

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City's, FSD Purchasing website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 75 notices were sent including two MBEs. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of meter testers/analyzes with this functionality; however, the pricing offered represents a 28% increase from the last purchase of this type of product made in April 2011. The increase is based on the new technology included in these meter testers/analyzers.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest responsive bid resulting from the casting of lots.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.