

A G E N D A



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	47985	Agenda Number	41.
---------------------	----------	-------	---------------	-----

Meeting Date:	August 20, 2015
---------------	-----------------

Department:	Purchasing
-------------	------------

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC., for the purchase of three-phase reclosers for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$79,125.

Amount and Source of Funding

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

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received meeting specification.
----------------------	--

Prior Council Action:	
-----------------------	--

For More Information:	Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 512-322-6060
-----------------------	--

Boards and Commission Action:	August 17, 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

The contract is for the purchase of three-phase, electronic, distribution type, pole-mounted reclosers to be used in distributed generation applications for improving overall system reliability. In electric power distribution, a recloser, or auto-recloser, is a circuit breaker equipped with a mechanism that can automatically close the breaker after it has been opened due to an abnormal electric current, or fault. Reclosers are utilized to improve system coordination, reduce momentary outages, and simultaneously isolate permanent faults. They are designed to automatically interrupt and reclose a three-phase or single-phase alternating-current circuit. Reclosers can be operated remotely via radio control. In addition, they have a programmable electronic control allowing the operating characteristics to be changed without de-energizing the recloser.

This is a one-time purchase for the community solar installation project at 5017½ Alf Avenue near Austin Energy's Kingsbery substation. The reclosers, which have a delivery time of 125 calendar days, are needed for a project scheduled in the Spring of 2016.

MBE /WBE Solicited: 4/2

MBE /WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION
IFB No. GGU0144
Three-Phase Reclosers
(1 line item □ qty. 3)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Power Supply Inc. Austin, TX	\$26,375	\$79,125
Techline Inc.* Austin, TX	\$29,590	\$88,770
Texas Electric Co-Op Austin, TX	**	**
KBS Elec. Dist. Inc. Austin, TX	**	**
Techline Inc.* Austin, TX	**	**
FAPCO, LLC New Braunfels, TX	**	**
Priester-Mell & Nicholson, Inc. Austin, TX	**	**

* Techline Inc. submitted two different bids offering distinct products.

** Non-responsive. The products offered 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 Financial Services Austin Finance Online website at: https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/search.cfm

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 153 notices were sent, including four MBEs and two WBEs. Seven bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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