

A G E N D A



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

50195

Agenda Number

23.

Meeting Date:

October 1, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize execution of a 24-month contract with TECHLINE INC. to provide vacuum interrupter switches for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$1,619,150, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$809,575 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,047,875.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$742,110 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 13 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 received.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 512-322-6060

Boards and Commission Action:

September 21, 2015 - Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 11-0 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

The contract will provide vacuum interrupter switches to support construction and maintenance staff work in Austin Energy's network operations. Vacuum interrupter switches have an overcurrent relay enabling them to sense a fault, allowing the switches to safely open and disconnect energized equipment inside the electrical service vault. The switches create a safe work environment for maintenance crews performing repairs on de-energized equipment. These switches are used throughout the Austin Energy network vault protection system to prevent expensive equipment damage. This contract will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's St. Elmo Warehouse.

This contract would ensure that Austin Energy has the critical parts required for network operations crews to make timely repairs, conduct scheduled maintenance and begin new projects. The current contract expires on October 18, 2015.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 5/2

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GGU0147

Vacuum Interrupter Switches Annual Price Agreement
(2 line items)

Vendor

Total Annual Bid

Techline Inc.
Austin, TX

\$809,575

Texas Electric Cooperatives
Georgetown, TX

\$857,605

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. 162 notices were sent, including five MBEs and two WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor, e.g. one company may have multiple email addresses/fax numbers listed.
- c. The pricing offered represents an 8.7% price increase the last contract awarded in October of 2010.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Techline, Inc. is the current provider of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the internet.