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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

52848

Agenda Number

45.

Meeting Date:

December 17, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with TECHLINE, INC., to provide 362kV coupling capacitor voltage transformers, in an amount not to exceed \$201,960, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$100,980 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$504,900.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$84,150 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 14 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.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Darralyn N. Johnson, Buyer II, 512-505-7293.

Boards and Commission Action:

November 16, 2015 - Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0 vote, with Commissioner Heidebrecht off the dais.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of 362 kilovolt (kV) coupling capacitor voltage transformers for Austin Energy's transmission system. Coupling capacitor voltage transformers are devices that convert high transmission voltages to lower utilization voltages so that revenue meters, protective relays, and other control devices can function properly. In this case, the transmission operating voltage is 345,000 volts and the utilization voltage is 120/240 volts. These devices provide an excellent reproduction of both transient and steady-state voltage measurements necessary to operate metering, protection, and control equipment. The number of this type of transformers needed at substations depends on the size and location of the particular substation. The solicitation included an annual estimate of nine coupling capacitor voltage transformers.

MBE/WBE solicited: 10/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB DNJ0119

362KV CCVT

(1 line item – qty. 9)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Techline, Inc. Austin, TX	\$100,980
Power Supply Austin, TX	\$115,875
KBS Austin, TX	\$133,785
MVA Power Inc. Montreal, QC	*
TBEA USA Corporation Oviedo, FL	*

*Non-responsive. 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

- Adequate competition.
- 113 notices were sent including 10 MBEs and there were no known WBEs for this commodity code. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBEs. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor; e.g. one vendor may have multiple email address/fax numbers.
- The pricing offered represents a 7% increase to the last purchase made July 2015. This is the first time that these products are being purchased under a multi-year agreement.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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