



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with S.D. PITMAN, INC., Redkey, IN for the purchase of a 40-foot easement aerial device and trailer in an amount not to exceed \$94,135.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget of the Electric Utility Department.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Austin Energy;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Fudge, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2033

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid meeting specifications of three bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of one 40-foot easement aerial device and transport trailer manufactured by S.D. Pitman. The aerial device will be assigned to the Overhead Distribution division of Austin Energy (AE). Work crews need this machine when they are required to gain access to private property and must navigate through and beyond backyard gates without damaging the homeowner's fences and yards.

AE needs this aerial device in order to lift work crews up to at least a 40 foot working height to repair lines, perform maintenance, and construct overhead electrical distribution lines. This is accomplished through the use of the three-section extendable boom and personnel bucket. The aerial device is engine driven and runs on rubber tracks rather than tires. It also is equipped with a hydraulic device that allows the operator to change the width of the base machine in order to go through narrow spaces generally associated with private fences, gates, and yards.

The unit is an additional piece of equipment and is needed to allow crews to perform necessary electrical maintenance, repairs, and construction faster, more efficiently, and with less intrusion on citizens' property. Currently, AE attempts to maneuver a full-size truck-mounted aerial device into these locations. The full-size trucks can do extensive damage to fences, yards, and private landscaping. If the access space is too small for a full-size truck to maneuver, the crews are required to climb the pole through the use of spike boots and a safety belt. AE purchased a similar machine that is built on the same track-driven base, but is used in small access spaces to dig a hole and set a full-size utility pole. The recommended easement aerial device will allow AE to string overhead lines and complete all hookups necessary to perform a turn-key installation without ever damaging private property.



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**BID TABULATION
IFB No. RF03100063
40 Foot, Easement Aerial Device and Trailer**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
S. D. Pitman, Inc. Redkey, IN	\$94,135
Thiermann Industries, Inc. Cedarburg, WI	\$95,350
Altec Industries, Inc. Saint Joseph, MO	* \$58,599

*Did not meet specifications. Altec Industries' machine will not operate at the required height as required by the solicitation.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Sixteen notices were sent. There are no MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. Three bids were received. One "No Bid" was received.
- This is the first purchase of this type equipment; therefore, there is no bid history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Lowest bidder meeting specifications.
- Austin Energy concurs with recommended award.
- Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.

CIP BUDGET
Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

4/15/2004

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT:

Electric Utility Department

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name: **Distribution**
Project Authorization: 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 187,219,444.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 27,730,139.63
Amount of This Action		<u>(94,135.00)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 27,636,004.63</u>

Use of Remaining Balance:

Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project.

Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project:

No remaining funds anticipated at this time.

Director, Planning and Budget

Signature: _____



Date: _____

3/24/04