



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 39  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 05/27/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a contract with TECHLINE, INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of drake transmission line conductor, ACSS-795 KCMIL, in an amount not to exceed \$1,127,670.76.

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing  
**DEPARTMENT:** for Austin Energy;

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Williams, Buyer 1/322-6467

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** Lowest bidder meeting specification of seven 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.

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This contract is for the purchase of 954,844 pounds of drake transmission line conductor Aluminum Conductor Steel Supported (ACSS)-795 KCMIL. The conductor is the material that readily permits the flow of electric current. Austin Energy has large transmission lines called circuits from the power plant to the substations. The conductor is used to connect these points. This material will be used to construct approximately 9 miles of a new single circuit 138 kV line from the Decker Power Plant to the area near Yager Lane intersection, and to connect to existing circuit (975) Dessau Substation that services Samsung to Techridge Substation that services Dell. The Dessau Substation and the Techridge Substation provides service to the residential and commercial customers in that area.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 5/4

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION**

**IFB# KW04100008**

**Drake Transmission Line Conductor, ACSS-795 KCMIL  
(2 Line Items)**

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL PRICE</u></b>
*KBS Electrical Austin, TX	\$1,116,760.59
<b>TECHLINE, INC. AUSTIN, TX</b>	<b>\$1,127,670.76</b>
Power Supply Austin, TX	\$1,243,383.41
LG Cable Gangnam-gu Seoul 135-798, Korea	\$1,355,878.48
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Austin, TX	\$1,140,083.74
Priester Supply Austin, TX	\$1,159,180.62
Elektrim North West Chicago, IL	\$1,808,467.97

\*Non-responsive due to exception taken on firm pricing. The quoted price had an expiration date of April 15, 2004.

A complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- Adequate competition.
- Thirty-six notices were mailed including five MBEs and four WBEs. Eleven solicitations were issued. No MBEs/WBEs requested a solicitation. Seven bids were received.
- Price comparison of the previous contract reflects an overall increase of 1.3% in total pricing

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- Low bidder meeting specifications.
- The Electric Utility Department concurs with the recommended award.
- Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.



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**CIP BUDGET  
Fiscal Note**

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

5/27/2004

**WHERE ON AGENDA:**

Resolution

**DEPARTMENT:**

Electric Utility Department

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

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

Current Appropriation	\$ 127,475,734.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 15,021,352.52
Amount of This Action		<u>(1,127,670.76)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 13,893,681.76</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: \_\_\_\_\_

5/7/04