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<u>SUBJECT:</u> Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with KBS ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, Austin, TX, for fault indicators in an amount not to exceed \$133,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$133,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$665,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget (Inventory Fund) of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining three 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.

REQUESTING Purchasing

DIRECTOR'S

DEPARTMENT: for Austin Energy;

AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

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

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Low bid meeting specifications of two 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.

The contract will establish a 12-month price agreement for fault indicators that will be used when a failure (fault) occurs on an underground electric circuit. Fault indicators installed above ground at strategic points in the system will aid in identifying the trouble location. The fault indicators are equipped with a small LED (light-emitting diode) light that blinks, indicating a fault current passed through the cable. This method of locating underground electric failures is much faster than searching for the failure by opening manholes and transformers. This helps trouble-shooting personnel restore service much faster. In most cases the trouble-shooter only has to drive by the pad mounted equipment and look for a blinking light.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 1/0 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

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BID TABULATION FAULT INDICATORS 1 Line Item IFB No. KW04100018

<u>VENDOR</u> <u>TOTAL</u>

Priester-Mell & Nicholson Austin, Texas

\$129,000*

KBS Electrical Austin, Texas

\$133,000

*Vendor bid was deemed non-responsive because AE required a 5-amp reset. The item bid was a 3-amp reset. AE required an indicator with 15-20 year life and 900 hours of operation, the unit bid has a 10-year life and only 800 hours. AE required a cable immunity of 2.5 inches, the units bid were much bigger than the unit requested.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ten notices were sent, including one MBE and no WBEs. Five solicitations were issued. Two Bids were received and one No Bid Reply. No MBEs/WBEs responded.
- c. This is the first time this item has ever bid. There is no price history.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bid meeting specification.
- b. Austin Energy concurs with the recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.

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