



**Purchasing Service Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 30
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with WAGNER-SMITH EQUIPMENT COMPANY, Burleson, TX, for the rental of conductor stringing blocks and grips for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$106,800.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Austin Energy; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Dolores Castillo, Senior Buyer/322-6466

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Only bid 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 a six-month rental of 200 conductor stringing bundle blocks and 70 grips for conductor type 795 Aluminum Conductor Stranded Steel. This rental will supplement the 84 stringing blocks Austin Energy currently owns and uses in various projects. These items are needed for the McNeil to Decker Transmission Construction project. This is a transmission corridor that runs from McNeil Substation to Decker Switchyard. The segment in which the equipment will be used starts at McNeil substation and crosses over North Lamar, IH-35, and Parmer Lane near Samsung. The additional rental equipment is needed due to the unusually large scope and configuration, in that conductor will have to be pulled for four different circuits. During construction the stringing blocks are hung at the end of each insulator on each structure or pole. The conductor or wire is centered through the grooves on the pulley and is guided from stringing block to stringing block for two miles. Grips are used to clip the wire at each structure to hold the wire in place until final mounting secures the conductor.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 3/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0



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BID TABULATION

IFB No. DC0510004

6-month rental stringing block and grips

<u>Description</u>	<u>Wagner-Smith Burleson, TX</u>
6-month rental stringing block	\$ 90,000
6-month rental grips	<u>\$ 16,800</u>
	\$106,800

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Only bidder. Two other companies were High Tech Instruments and Techline, Inc. both from Austin, TX. These companies indicated they do not provide this equipment through renting. The companies were interested only in actual sales.
- Twelve notices were issued including three MBEs. There were no WBEs listed for this commodity code. Three solicitations were issued and one bid was received. MBEs did not respond.
- Austin Energy has not rented this type of equipment in the past; therefore, there is no price history available. A cost estimate to purchase the same equipment and quantities totaled over \$300,000.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Austin Energy concurs with the recommended award.
- Advertised on the Internet.

CIP BUDGET
Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

11/17/2005
Resolution
Austin Energy

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name: **Transmission**
Project Authorization: 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 155,475,734.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 22,527,911.83
Amount of This Action		<u>(106,800.00)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 22,421,111.83</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: _____

10/25/05