

**Purchasing Office
CITY OF AUSTIN**

AGENDA # 35
DATE: 4/20/2006

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Authorize execution of four 12-month supply agreements with TECHLINE INC., Austin, TX, POWER SUPPLY INC., Austin, TX, KBS ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS INC., Austin, TX, and PRIESTER SUPPLY CO., Austin, TX for underground electrical supplies in amounts not to exceed \$217,502, \$78,622, \$73,137.50 and \$60,876.43 respectively, with two 12-month extension options in amounts not to exceed \$217,502, \$78,622, \$73,137.50 and \$60,876.43 respectively per extension option, for total agreement amounts not to exceed \$652,506, \$235,866, \$219,412.50 and \$182,629.29 respectively.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$179,224.14 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining seven 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 Department:

For More Information: Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Low bids/Low bids meeting specification of seven bids received.

MBE/WBE: These contracts 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 annual supply agreements with Techline Inc., Power Supply, KBS Elec. Dist., and Priester Supply will provide for the supply of 48 various underground electrical supplies such as arresters, bushings, pulling compounds, compression cones, connectors, conductor covers, elbow kits, fuses, cold shrink insulators, sealing kits, splicing kits, load breaks, cable racks, link limiters, compression lugs and termination kits. These items are used to connect and splice underground electrical distribution cables. These underground electrical supplies will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's Kramer and St. Elmo warehouses to issue to underground and network distribution crews for general maintenance and construction on an as-needed basis.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 4/4 **MBE/WBE Bid:** 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-four notices were sent, including four MBEs and four WBEs. Eight solicitations were issued. Seven bids were received with no response from MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The bid pricing offered represents a 28% increase to the last contracts awarded November 2004. The increase is due to higher prices of raw material and transportation costs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bid (46 line items) Low bid meeting specification (2 line items).
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs Austin Energy with Austin Energy's recommended awards.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.

BID TABULATION

Underground Electrical Supplies Contract
(48 Line Items)
IFB No. GG06100007

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Number of Line Items Bid</u>	<u>Number of Line Items Awarded</u>	<u>TOTAL PRICE</u>
Priester Supply Austin, TX	44	20	\$60,876.43
KBS Elec. Dist. Austin, TX	22	4	\$73,137.50
Power Supply Austin, TX	36	7	\$78,622.00
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Austin, TX	24	N/A	\$118,240.26
Techline Inc Austin, TX	44	17	\$217,502.00
Hughes Supply San Antonio, TX	31	N/A	\$300,054.10
Texas Elec. Co-Op Georgetown, TX	21	N/A	\$227,231.75

Award is being made to the lowest bidder meeting specifications for each of the 48 bid items.

Bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office.