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**Purchasing Service Agreement
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
ACTION**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with TECHLINE, LTD, Austin, TX for the purchase of vacuum interrupter switches in an estimated amount not to exceed \$258,400, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$258,400 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,033,600.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$64,600 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining nine months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer/322-6466

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Only bidder.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in accordance 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.

Additional Backup Material

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This contract will provide an estimated 19 vacuum interrupter switches annually that will be purchased on an as-needed basis. These switches are to be used throughout the Austin Energy Network vault protection system to prevent equipment damage. The switches have a relay which can sense a fault occurring which allows the switch to open and disconnect the energized equipment inside the vault. Vacuum Interrupter switches also create a safe work environment while maintenance crews perform repairs on de-energized equipment.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 4/2 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Sole bidder. Several suppliers of similar utility equipment were surveyed as to why they did not bid. They responded that their manufacturers did not produce a comparable item and could not be competitive.

- b. Eight notices were sent including four MBEs and two WBEs. Four solicitations were issued. One bid was received with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 12% increase to the last award in November 2002. The increase can be attributed to the higher cost of steel and transportation.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- b. Advertised on the Internet.

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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
VENDOR NAME: Techline

BID TABULATION
IFB NO. DC06100017
Vacuum Interrupter Switches
(Qty. 19 each)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL PRICE</u>
Techline, LTD Austin, Texas	\$13,600	\$258,400