

## AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 48**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with TECHLINE, INC., Austin, TX, for pre-cast concrete manholes for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$392,636, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$196,318 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$981,590.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 12 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.

**For More Information:** Gage Loots, Buyer II, 322-6118

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of three bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Approved by the Electric Utility Commission.

This contract is to provide various sizes and types of precast manholes for the underground transmission, distribution, and communication systems for Austin Energy on an as-needed basis. These manholes are used extensively in the electric utilities underground distribution system for new construction and maintenance purposes. The precast concrete manholes provide a safe means of access and work environment for the installation and maintenance of underground distribution cable and equipment.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition.  
b. Fifty-two notices were sent, including two MBEs and two WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.  
c. The pricing offered represents a 39% increase to the last contract award made in September 2006. The increase is due to higher costs for concrete, steel, and transportation charges.  
**APPROVAL  
JUSTIFICATION**

a. Lowest bid received.  
b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.  
c. Advertised on the Internet.