



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with RICHARDS MANUFACTURING, Irvington, NJ, for network protectors in an amount not to exceed \$250,668.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Austin Energy;

DIRECTOR'S
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: Low bid 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 Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for three types of network protectors 1) 3000 amp 480/277 volt; 2) 2500 amp 480/277 volt; and 3) 2500 amp 216/126 volt. A network protector is installed on a transformer to protect the system should a fault happen within the system. The protector consists of a circuit breaker, operating mechanism, network relay and control equipment. The protector permits two or more electrical feeders to be connected in a parallel fashion and simultaneously provide power to a common low voltage service. This design is the reason power outages are rare in the downtown system. The Downtown Central Business District has an electrical distribution system that is referred to as a "network system". The network system is designed to provide maximum service continuity in heavy load density areas throughout the system. This system in normal operation has loads divided among various network transformers.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 5/3

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0



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BID TABULATION

Network Protectors
IFB No. DC04100047

<u>Description</u>	<u>Richard Manufacturing Irvington, NJ</u>	<u>Power Supply Austin, TX</u>
Network Protectors		
3000 amp 480/277 volt	\$151,932	\$171,888
2500 amp 480/277 volt	\$50,644	\$56,348
2500 amp 216/126 volt	\$48,092	\$53,582
Communication Relays	\$45,000	\$35,720*

*Administrative award.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition
- Ten notices were sent including five MBEs and three WBEs. Four solicitation packages were issued. Two bids were received with no M/WBEs responding.
- A price comparison with the last contract in August 1999 indicated these prices are an average of 11% lower.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Low bidder
- Austin Energy concurs with the recommended awardee.
- Advertised on the Internet.

CIP BUDGET
Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1/27/2005

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT:

Austin Energy

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name: **Distribution**
Project Authorization: 2004-2005 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 215,597,444.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 22,856,304.10
Amount of This Action		<u>(250,668.00)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u><u>\$ 22,605,636.10</u></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: _____

E. J. Kerney

Date: _____

1/27/05