

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	12859	Agenda Number	23.
Meeting Date:	March 1, 2012				
Department:	Purc	hasing			

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with TECHLINE, INC., for the purchase of precast concrete manholes for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$461,730 with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$230,865 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,154,325.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$207,778 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 17 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Sole bid received.
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More Information:	Gage Loots, Buyer II/512-322-6118
Boards and	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
Commission	
Action:	
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.

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for various sizes and types of precast concrete manholes for Austin Energy (AE) to be purchased on an as-needed basis. A manhole is a subsurface enclosure which personnel may safely access for the purpose of installing, operating, and maintaining electrical equipment and/or cable. The manholes will be used for both new construction and maintenance of AE's underground distribution and communication systems.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/3 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0028 Precast Concrete Manholes Annual Agreement (21 – line items)

Vendor Total Bid Amount 12 months

Techline, Inc. \$230,865 Austin, TX

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Sole bid. The solicitation due date was extended and vendors were contacted to encourage participation; however, no additional bids were received.
- b. Seventy notices were sent, including four MBEs and three WBEs. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 5.9% increase to the last contract award made October 2010.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid. Techline, Inc. is the current provider of these goods.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.