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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12925	Agenda Number	21.
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Meeting Date:	March 8, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with TECHNOLOGY FOR ENERGY CORPORATION, for the purchase of field testing devices for Austin Energy to test electrical meter installations in an amount not to exceed \$187,630.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid meeting specifications of three bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gage Loots, Buyer II /512-322-6118.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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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.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will allow a one-time purchase by Austin Energy (AE) of four field testing devices with new and improved technology to test electric meters and associated equipment. Meters measure customers' electricity usage and it is necessary to test the installations to verify they are operating correctly, ensuring that customers' electrical usage is accurately recorded. Field testing devices are all-in-one portable testing units that allow electric characteristics to be compiled and analyzed. They will be used by AE personnel to test electrical meter installations as well as the associated current transformers and wiring, at customer locations throughout the service area.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0025REBID

Field Testers / Analyzers

(2 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Technology for Energy Corp. Knoxville, TN	\$187,630.00
Watthour Engineering Co., Inc. Pearl, MS	*
Apfelbaum Industrial, Inc. El Paso, TX	*

*Non-responsive, offer did not meet specifications as required by the solicitation.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty-six notices were sent including two MBE and one WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE /WBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type with these specifications; therefore, there is no comparable pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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

