

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	23671	Agenda Number	42.
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Meeting Date:	April 25, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize negotiate and execution of a 36-month requirements supply agreement with TECHLINE INC. for the purchase of single-phase reclosers for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$360,750, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$120,250 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$721,500.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount for \$60,125 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 30 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.

Purchasing Language:	Sole bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 322-6060
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Boards and Commission Action:	April 15, 2013 - Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (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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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide Versa-Tech® single-phase electronic reclosers to replace stock at Austin Energy's Kramer and St. Elmo warehouses for immediate issue to crews for construction, maintenance and reliability issues on an as-needed basis.

A recloser is a circuit breaker equipped with a mechanism that can automatically close the breaker after it has been opened due to a fault. Reclosers are used to detect and interrupt momentary faults. Since many short circuits on overhead lines clear themselves, a recloser improves service continuity by automatically restoring power to the line after a momentary fault.

These single-phase electronic reclosers will enable Austin Energy to reduce warehouse stocking requirements by standardizing use of one recloser to replace three types currently being stocked because the new reclosers perform the functions of the other types. These reclosers also have a self-contained electronic control and can be installed without external hardware to power the control or without mounting an external control, allowing for a quicker and easier installation.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GGU0114
Single Phase Electronic Reclosers
(26 each)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>
Techline Inc. Austin, TX	\$4,625	\$120,250

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. Techline Inc. is the only authorized distributor of the manufacturer Versa-Tech. No other vendor bid an equal product.
- b. Eighty-six notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs for this commodity code. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of this type of electronic recloser; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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