

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	25604	Agenda Number	65.
Meeting Date:	August 22, 2013			
Department:	Purchasing			

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with HILL COUNTRY ELECTRIC SUPPLY, for the purchase of transformers and circuit breakers for use by Austin Water Utility at the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$250,616, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$125,308 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$626,540.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$20,885 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining twenty-two 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 responsive bid received.
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Gage Loots, Senior Buyer/512-972-4009
Boards and Commission Action:	July 10, 2013 - Approved by the Water & Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote.
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide Austin Water Utility (AWU) with 12.5kV/480V 500 KVA distribution transformers and 600 amp circuit breakers on an as-needed basis. AWU will install this equipment at the South Austin Regional (SAR) Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace existing installations as necessary. Due to the corrosive environment at SAR, the equipment deteriorates more rapidly than under normal conditions. AWU will replace equipment as part of a preventative maintenance program as well as for unplanned corrective maintenance.

This equipment is a critical part of the electrical distribution system for the facility. The loss of electrical distribution to any area at SAR would adversely affect operations and potentially result in a negative environmental impact.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0048

Transformers & Circuit Breakers for Austin Water Utility
(2 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount □ 12 months</u>
Hill Country Electric Supply Austin, TX	\$125,308.00
Apfelbaum Industrial, Inc. El Paso, TX	*
Autonomy Technology, Inc. Las Vegas, NV	**

* Non-responsive due to failure to offer the products specified in the solicitation.

** Withdrew bid.

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. One-hundred thirty-eight notices were sent, including three MBE and two WBE. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBE.
- c. This is the first time that these items will be purchased via a supply contract; however, the pricing offered represents a 12% increase from the last spot purchase made April 2012. The increased pricing can be attributed to better contractual terms for the City including firm pricing, a more comprehensive warranty, and no limitation of the vendor's liability.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole responsive bid. Hill Country Electric Supply is the current provider of these goods.

- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.