

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	26443	Agenda Number	59.
Meeting Date:	August 29, 2013			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with TSE INTERNATIONAL, INC., for a trailer-mounted underground cable puller for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Sole bid received.			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Steve Cocke, Buyer II, 512-974-2003			
Boards and Commission Action:	August 19, 2013 – Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 5-0 vote.			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
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.			

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of one 8,500 pound Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) trailer-mounted underground cable puller used by electric utilities to pull underground electrical conductor through conduit. Austin Energy installs underground distribution lines in most new residential subdivisions and in most industrial areas. The cable puller will be utilized in new construction and maintenance activities.

This piece of equipment has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process involving the Fleet Officer, appropriate Department Directors and the Chief Financial Officer.

MBE/WBE solicited: 4/4

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID SUMMARY

SDC0264

8,500 lb. Trailer Mounted Underground Cable Puller (Qty 1)

VENDOR

TOTAL BID

TSE International, Inc.
Austin, TX

\$150,000

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 seventy two notices were sent, including four MBE and four WBE firms. Sole bid received, with no responses from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 54 % increase from the last contract award in August 2008.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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