

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	28036	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	October 17, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON INC., for the purchase of a pad-mount automatic transfer operation switchgear for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$126,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 512-322-6060
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Boards and Commission Action:	September 16, 2013 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	
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Related Items:	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 is for the purchase of one sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) pad-mounted, automatic transfer operation switchgear. A switchgear is a system of controls and circuit breakers contained in a single enclosure which provides multiple circuit paths for distributing power to the end customer. It is usually connected to a power transformer and supplies separate distribution circuits. It includes controls for the breakers, protection systems for transformers, breakers, and distribution circuits as well as metering capability. SF6 switchgear have a gas insulating medium allowing for a much smaller unit in comparison with an air insulated switchgear. In addition, SF6 switchgear safely provide a quicker relay response and interruption if a fault is indicated. This quicker and safer response provides for better power system reliability. This switchgear will be used as an emergency backup for the current switchgear at Austin Energy's new System Control Center.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 3/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION
IFB No. GGU0121
SF6 pad-mounted (ATO) switchgear
(1 – line item)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc Austin, TX	\$126,000.00
KBS Electrical Distributors Inc. Austin, TX	\$128,994.88

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred and eighteen notices were sent, including three MBEs. There are no known WBEs listed for this commodity. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 2.44% increase to the last contract awarded in July 2012.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Priester-Mell & Nicholson was the last provider of this item.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.