

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	32686	<b>Agenda Number</b>	18.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 15, 2014			
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing			
<b>Subject</b>				
Authorize award and execution of a contract with TESCO – AN ADVENT DESIGN CO., for the purchase of 18-position mobile meter qualification boards for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$129,843.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
A fiscal note is attached.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Sole bid received.			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	[Redacted]			
<b>For More Information:</b>	Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 512-322-6060			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	April 21, 2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0.			
<b>Related Items:</b>	[Redacted]			
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	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 three 18-position mobile meter qualification boards to be used by Austin Energy's Metering Operations group. These boards are used as part of the qualification process prior to any new Automated Meter Infrastructure meter deployment(s) and can be used as a post deployment tool to allow large scale testing of new releases of firmware for meter points prior to upgrading the entire system. The meter qualification boards power up banks of meters and provide a load for each meter's operation. They are designed to serve as a cost effective method for testing communication, functionality, and firmware upgrades from Austin Energy's meter manufacturer(s). The meter qualification boards can also be used to perform long term testing for new hardware releases prior to introducing new versions of meters into the field.

TESCO is the only known company in the market at this time who builds and/or modifies qualification boards to Austin Energy's specifications requiring higher voltage paneling.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 2/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**  
IFB No. GGU0118REBID  
18-position mobile meter qualification boards  
(three each)

VENDOR	Total Amount
<b>TESCO</b> □ An Advent Design Co. Bristol, PA	<b>\$129,843.</b>

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

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Sole bid. Other vendors who sell this commodity chose not to bid as their products are sold as stock items of low voltage paneling.
- b. Sixty-nine notices were sent, including two MBEs. There are no known WBEs listed for this commodity. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of this kind; therefore, there is no pricing history available

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

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