

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	33866	Agenda Number	59.
Meeting Date:	June 26, 2014			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of an 18-month requirements service contract with MATCO SERVICES INC., for the purchase of a system-wide distribution pole audit for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$1,481,700.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$246,950 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining fifteen months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Gage Loots, Supervising Senior Buyer, 512-322-6251			
Boards and Commission Action:	6/16/14 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 6-0.			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (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 a system-wide distribution pole audit for Austin Energy. The contractor will conduct an audit of approximately 165,000 utility poles. The audit includes field inspections and inventory of the communication company attachments to Austin Energy's infrastructure, specifically distribution type electrical poles.

Telecommunication, cable and data providers are allowed access to Austin Energy's infrastructure in order to disseminate subscriber services to the public. This audit will confirm the attachment ownership, the number of unaccounted for attachments and the attachments currently in violation. Completion of a comprehensive pole audit will provide Austin Energy with the ability to identify and catalog the thousands of communication company attachments present on utility infrastructure. Additionally, accurate pole attachment counts may positively affect annual billed revenues as the amount of annual billing may not be accurately reflecting what is actually affixed to AE poles.

MBE/WBE solicited: 5/9

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

### **BID TABULATION**

IFB No. MLG0065  
System-wide Distribution Pole Audit  
(2 – line items)

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bid Amount</u></b>
Matco Services Inc. Valley, NE	\$1,481,700
Reliapole Inspection Services Company LLC Magnolia, TX	\$2,507,670
UC Synergetic, LLC Austin, TX	\$4,191,000
TRC Engineers, Inc. Austin, TX	\$8,233,500

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

### **PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Two hundred thirty-three notices were sent, including five MBEs and nine WBEs. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

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