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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

37261

Agenda Number

41.

Meeting Date:

November 6, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month supply contract with FARWEST LINE SPECIALTIES, LLC, for the purchase of pole climbing fall arrest systems for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$214,577, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$38,810 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$331,007.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$172,533 is available in the Austin Energy Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining 13 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:

Lowest, most responsive bid received.

Prior Council
Action:



For More
Information:

Paige McDonald, Buyer II, 512-322-6118

Boards and
Commission
Action:

October 20, 2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote.

Related Items:

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 pole climbing fall arrest systems for Austin Energy personnel. The U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Code of Federal Regulations – Title 29 mandates that individuals working at height must be protected from fall injury. Fall arrest systems are one form of fall protection defined in the Code. These systems will be in place by May 2015 to comply with the mandate.

All items are integral to provide fast and safe climbing without disconnections, adjustments, or the risk of falling when faced with an obstacle.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/4

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. MPM0018
Pole Climbing Fall Arrest Systems
(64 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Number of Line Items Bid</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Farwest Line Specialties, LLC Atascadero, CA	64	\$174,017
Altec Industries, Inc. Saint Joseph, MO	64	\$176,336
Techline, Inc. Austin, TX	64	\$205,305
Texas Meter & Device Waco, TX	29	\$87,504
J.L. Matthews Company, LLC Fort Worth, TX	62	\$173,803

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- 97 notices were sent including two MBEs and four WBEs. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Lowest, most responsive bid received.
- The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.