

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	37780	Agenda Number	69.
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Meeting Date:	November 20, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of two 36-month requirements supply agreements for the purchase of 15kV padmount switchgear for Austin Energy with: PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON INC. in an amount not to exceed \$1,534,500 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$511,500 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,069,000; and with POWELL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$866,952, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$288,984 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,733,904. The annual amount for all switchgear required under these contracts will be for a total combined amount not to exceed \$800,484.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$667,070 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 26 months of the original contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bids 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:	November 17, 2014 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.
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Related Items:	
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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.
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Additional Backup Information

These contracts will provide for the supply of three different models of 15kV padmount switchgears for Austin Energy. These switchgears are needed for inventory supply and will be used to replenish stock for immediate issue to construction crews on an as-needed basis.

Each switchgear is produced as a completely self-contained package allowing automatic switching between two electrical circuits which is required for certain customers such as hospitals so there is minimal delay in restoring power in the event of a service interruption.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 3/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**

IFB No. GGU0129  
Switchgear 15kV Padmount  
(3 line items)

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>Number of Line Items Bid</b>	<b>Number of Line Items Awarded</b>	<b>Total Annual Award</b>
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Austin, TX	2	2	\$511,500
Powell Electrical System North Canton, OH	1	1	\$288,984
KBS Electrical Distributors Austin, TX	2	0	No Award
Apfelbaum Industrial El Paso, TX	2	0	No Award
Techline Inc. Austin, TX	1	0	*

\* Techline Inc. did not meet specifications on the item proposed.

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. Adequate competition.
- b. 126 notices were sent, including three MBEs. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBEs.

- c. The pricing offered represents a 20.88% price increase to the last contract award August 2010. The increase is due to increase in raw material and upgrades to the specification.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bids received. Powell Electrical Systems is one of the current providers of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.