

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	37681	Agenda Number	61.
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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 a contract with TECHLINE INC. for the purchase of insulators for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$106,313.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$106,313 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid meeting specifications.
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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:	October 20, 2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote.
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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

This contract is for the purchase of 1,350 138kV 68-inch I-string insulators to be used by Austin Energy for re-conductor projects on Circuits 974 and 3123 and the Sprinkle Substation. The existing insulators, which are approximately 20 years old, will be replaced during the re-conductor projects. The insulators are designed to accommodate attachment points on transmission poles to support 138kV-rated transmission line wire.

During the life span of insulators, their electrical characteristics slowly deteriorate. After 20 years, while the insulators can still support the transmission wire, there is a higher risk of a "flashover" causing a failure in the event of a storm or other adverse conditions.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 6/5

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GGU0137
Insulators (1,350)

VENDOR	Price	Delivery**
Techline Inc. Austin, TX	\$78.75	6 weeks, 6 days
Stuart C Irby Co Austin, TX	\$77.30	7 weeks
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Austin, TX	\$77.36	8 weeks
Texas Electrical Co-Op Georgetown, TX	\$152.00	14 weeks, 2 days
KBS Electrical Distributors, Inc. Austin, TX	*	
Power Supply Austin, TX	*	

*KBS, Inc. and Power Supply did not meet specification on the item proposed.

**This solicitation was issued with a delivery requirement of four weeks or fastest delivery if no one met the four week delivery requirement.

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. 180 notices were sent, including six MBEs and five WBEs. Six bids were received, with no response from the

MBE/WBEs.

- c. The pricing offered represents a 5.5% increase to the last contract award in August 2012.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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