

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	38119	Agenda Number	78.
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Meeting Date:	December 11, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with TECHLINE INC, to provide various 145kV dead tank circuit breakers for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$1,845,640, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$922,820 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,614,100.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$769,017 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 14 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 bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Paige McDonald, Buyer II, 512-322-6118
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Boards and Commission Action:	November 17, 2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 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-D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will allow Austin Energy (AE) to purchase, as needed, 145kV/40A dead tank circuit breakers. Circuit breakers are devices that can be opened to de-energize the transmission line or substation bus during construction, maintenance or fault conditions. As the primary protection mechanism, these devices are opened during fault conditions in order to limit the damaging effects of high current on substation equipment. In the event the breaker cannot clear the fault, there are secondary protection mechanisms in place that activate; however, there is greater risk of a larger outage. Therefore, these circuit breakers are a critical element of a substation and overall electric reliability. AE will install the breakers at various substations; either as upgrades to existing equipment, new installations, or repairs and replacements as required.

MBE/WBE solicited: 8/6

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. MPM0019
145kV Dead-Tank Circuit Breakers
(4 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Techline, Inc. Austin, TX	\$922,820.00
Hitachi Suwanee, GA	\$952,010.00
Sonepar USA dba Stuart C Irby Co Austin, TX	\$1,061,007.50
KBS Electrical Distributors Austin, TX	\$1,079,120.00
Power Supply Austin, TX	\$1,148,250.00

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 193 notices were sent including eight MBEs and six WBEs. Five bids were received, with no response from the MBE /WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 2% increase from the last purchase made in August 2011.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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