

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

38981

Agenda Number

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Meeting Date:

January 29, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month contract with TECHLINE INC. to provide network protectors in an amount not to exceed \$8,108,940, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,702,980 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$16,217,880.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$2,027,235 is available in the Austin Energy Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining 27 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 meeting specifications.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 512-322-6060

Boards and Commission Action:

January 26, 2014 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

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 will provide Austin Energy with network protectors of various voltage and current configurations for use in the network distribution areas.

This network system is designed to provide maximum service continuity in heavy load density areas located throughout the greater AE service area.

The protector consists of a circuit breaker, operating mechanism, network relay and control equipment. The protector permits two or more electrical feeders to be connected and simultaneously provide power to a common low voltage service. The protectors will be used to replenish stock at Austin Energy's St. Elmo warehouse for issuance to

maintenance and construction crews.

MBE/WBE solicited: 6/6

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

GGU0136

Network protectors
(7 line items)

Vendor

**Techline Inc.
Austin, TX**

Total Annual Award

\$2,702,980

Power Supply
Austin, TX

\$2,735,300

Dacosta Business Solutions
Austin, TX

\$3,251,198

Richard Manufacturing
Irvington, NJ

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* Non-responsive. Did not meet specifications as required by the solicitation.

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

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 284 notices were sent including six MBEs and six WBEs. Four bids were received with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an 11.58% increase to the last contract awarded in January 2011. The increase is due to upgrades to the specification to improve employee safety.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid meeting specifications. Techline Inc. is the current provider of these goods.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.