

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	46749	<b>Agenda Number</b>	56.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 18, 2015			
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing			
<b>Subject</b>				
Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with THE VALLEY GROUP, or another qualified offeror to Request For Proposal No. NST0405, for the purchase of dynamic line rating equipment in an amount not to exceed \$169,000.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
Funding in the amount of \$169,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
A fiscal note is attached.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Best evaluated proposal for dynamic line rating equipment.			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	█			
<b>For More Information:</b>	Nicole Turner, Senior Buyer, 512-322-6586			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	June 15, 2015 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.			
<b>Related Items:</b>				
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. Per the City's Small and Minority Business Resources Department, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.			

**Additional Backup Information**

This contract is for the purchase of dynamic line rating equipment for Austin Energy. Dynamic line rating equipment is used to determine real time environmental conditions on electrical circuits and provide a more accurate rating of circuits. Examples of these types of conditions are local temperature, wind speed, and conductor tension. This real time information will allow Austin Energy to maximize current conductor equipment and reduce costs by fully loading transmission lines for present conditions, as opposed to generalized laboratory conditions, and avoid potential transmission congestion charges. This equipment will be installed on the 138kV transmission line circuit between the Advanced Micro Devices and Grove substations.

An Austin Energy evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the proposals and rated this proposal as the best to provide these services. Evaluation criteria used to evaluate the proposals include technical solution, delivery schedule, experience and qualifications, cost, and local business presence.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/6

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

#### **PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. 129 notices were sent, including one MBE and six WBEs. Two proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

#### **APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office recommends contract award consistent with the findings of the evaluation committee.
- c. Advertised on the internet.