

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	73982	Agenda Number	47.
Meeting Date:	August 31, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Eaton Corporation, to provide replacement batteries including corrective repairs and preventative maintenance services for an uninterrupted power supply system at the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$187,695.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$100,558 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 59 months of the contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Sole Source			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	<p>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Debbie DePaul, at 512-322-6235 or Debbie.Depaul@ austinenergy.com</p>			
Boards and Commission Action:	<p>August 14, 2017 – Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioner Wray off the dais, Commissioners Stout and Zell absent and one vacancy.</p>			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	<p>Sole Source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.</p>			
Additional Backup Information				

The contract is for the purchase of 320 Eaton Powerware brand batteries for the uninterrupted power supply (UPS) system and includes maintenance. The UPS system is located at the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center (CTECC) and is home to 911 operations which serves the Austin and Travis County region. Austin Energy is responsible for providing all facility maintenance services for the CTECC facility. The UPS system is required to provide a short term back-up power source for 911 operations. Due to the critical nature of the system, Austin Energy must provide back-up power to all critical equipment in case of utility power failure.

The uninterrupted power supply units and associated 320 batteries are critical infrastructure designed to prevent unscheduled loss of Priority 1 power. The two redundant uninterrupted power supply units and associated batteries provide up to 90 minutes of critical reserve power in the event of an unplanned power outage. Uninterrupted power delivery to Public Safety site systems and regional radio systems located at CTECC reduces the risk of unscheduled downtime to 911 operations.

The periodic inspection and preventative maintenance services provided under this contract are in accordance with original equipment manufacturer performance and technical specifications and/or industry best practices for similar equipment. In addition to the established maintenance schedule, the contract also provides for both routine and emergency repair services of equipment 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays, with the contractor responding within eight hours of notification in the event of an emergency failure. Eaton Corporation does not authorize or train any other organization independent of Eaton Corporation to service their equipment. Eaton does not grant third party access to proprietary software or service bulletins for Eaton brand equipment. Service by a service provider other than Eaton Corporation voids the battery and equipment warranties.

This contract replaces an expired contract for replacement batteries and services. If the City is unable to execute the contract, Austin Energy will not be able to provide uninterruptible power to mission critical systems for the immediate future.