

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 5, 2017

Item Number: 018

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a contract with TSE International, Inc. to provide a drum type cable puller/tensioner, in an amount not to exceed \$131,256. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.)

Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. A fiscal note is not required.
<u>Purchasing Language</u>	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) ELL0042 for these goods. The solicitation issued on May 15, 2017 and it closed on June 6, 2017. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents < https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=118268 >.
<u>Prior Council Action</u>	
<u>For More Information</u>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov < mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov > NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Erika Larsen, at 512-974-3127 or Erika.Larsen@austintexas.gov < mailto:Erika.Larsen@austintexas.gov >.

<u>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</u>	September 18, 2017 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Fath, Reel and Wray absent and one vacancy.
<u>Client Department(s)</u>	Austin Energy; Fleet Services.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of a replacement drum type cable puller/tensioner that will be utilized by Austin Energy to aid crews when installing and removing electrical conductors. The new puller will be utilized in the construction and maintenance of distribution lines, with occasional use on transmission infrastructure as well.

This puller has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service center manager has inspected the puller to be replaced and determined that the mileage or hours of use of the puller proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to downtime. The puller currently used by Austin Energy has become operationally unreliable.

If a contract is not secured, completion of scheduled construction and maintenance projects will be delayed. Additionally, restoration of electrical services due to an unexpected event such as a weather related outage could also be affected.