

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: April 12, 2018

Item Number: 017

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Priester-Mell & Nicholson, to provide station post insulators, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$440,000. (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).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$44,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DNJ0146 for these goods. The solicitation issued on November 27, 2017 and it closed on December 12, 2017. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the 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=121732> .
For More Information	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: Darralyn N. Johnson, at 512-505-7293 or darralyn.johnson@austinenergy.com < mailto:darralyn.johnson@austinenergy.com >.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	March 19, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Reel and Wray absent and two vacancies.
Client Department(s)	Austin Energy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide Austin Energy with a reliable supply of station post insulators to support planned projects, capital improvements and operational needs. Station post insulators are used to support the rigid aluminum pipe conductors (also referred to as bus) and flexible cable bus in substations. These extra-strength polymer insulators increase the reliability of the system by improving safety and providing increased capability to withstand higher bus faults. These requirements include a minimum specified cantilever load of 5900 pounds.

Austin Energy has purchased these items in the past through spot purchases. Most recently, in May 2017, a spot purchase for 173 insulators was made to meet immediate needs and maintain a minimal stock for unforeseen needs until a long term contract could be established.

The authority requested will support Austin Energy's upcoming capital improvement projects for fiscal years 2018 through 2022 as well as current operations.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length	Contract of Term Authorization
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 88,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 88,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 88,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 88,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 88,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$440,000

Note:Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

