

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 18, 2018

Item Number: 025

## Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Priester Mell & Nicholson, Inc., to provide circuit switchers, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000. (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).

<b>Lead Department</b>	Purchasing Office.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding in the amount of \$350,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DNJ0149 for these goods. The solicitation issued on January 8, 2018 and it closed on February 1, 2018. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the only 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: <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=122848">Solicitation Documents</a> < <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=122848">https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=122848</a> >.
<b>For More Information</b>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <a href="mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov">AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</a> < <a href="mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov">mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</a> > 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

	<a href="mailto:Darralyn.Johnson@austinenergy.com">Darralyn.Johnson@austinenergy.com</a> .
<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	September 17, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Vaughn and Wray absent and one vacancy.
<b>Client Department(s)</b>	Austin Energy.

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is for the purchase of circuit switchers for Austin Energy on an as-needed basis. Circuit switchers are required to connect and disconnect transmission lines or other vital components to and from the electrical system, providing protection for large power transformers and capacitor banks. They will be installed at substations and operated onsite or by remote control to safely disconnect equipment from the electrical system for maintenance. The circuit switchers can also be automatically operated by power system protection schemes when an overload or short circuit condition is detected.

The previous contract expired on August 18, 2016. Since expiration the department has used alternative devices in place of the preferred circuit switchers. The requested authorization is based on needs included in the 2018-2022 Transmission and Distribution Capital Improvement Plan. These circuit switchers are integral to Austin Energy's reliability improvement projects in substations throughout its service territory.

### **Contract Detail:**

<b>Contract Term</b>	<b>Length of Term</b>	<b>Contract Authorization</b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>

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