



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2051, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

6/4/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Technology International Inc., to provide neutral grounding resistors for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$790,000.

(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.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$100,080 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital 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 DTB1011 for these goods. The solicitation issued on December 23, 2019 and closed on January 28, 2020. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=133934)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=133934>.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 11, 2020 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Wray absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide neutral grounding resistors for Austin Energy's Dessau, Rainey Street and Brackenridge substations as part of the Electric System Capital Improvement Projects Plan. Neutral grounding resistors are used in power systems to manage ground faults by limiting the fault currents to avoid damage to

equipment and provide a safe operating environment for personnel.

This is a new contract. Purchases for neutral grounding resistors were previously made on an as needed basis.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$100,080
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$231,750
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$104,230
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$231,750
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$122,190
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$790,000

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.