



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 21-1214, **Agenda Item #:** 56.

3/4/2021

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a contract with Techline Inc., to provide substation circuit breakers, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

(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 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 JMF1010 for these goods. The solicitation issued on November 9, 2020, and it closed on December 8, 2020. Of the two 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/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134553)  
<[https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=134553](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134553)>.

### **Prior Council Action:**

### **For More Information:**

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NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Julia Finn, at 512-322-6060 or [Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov](mailto:Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov>> or Ahide Garcia, at 512-322-6038 or [Ahide.Garcia@austintexas.gov](mailto:Ahide.Garcia@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:Ahide.Garcia@austintexas.gov>>.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

February 8, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Ferchill, Funkhouser, and Wray absent.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide 15kV medium voltage circuit breakers. Circuit breakers are used to protect medium voltage distribution lines, substation equipment, and the distribution system. The circuit breakers are essential to maintain the safety and reliability of the electrical system by performing switching and protection functions in Austin Energy substations.

The requested authorization amount will allow Austin Energy to replace circuit breakers that are at end of life.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety; Government That Works for All.