



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1919, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

6/3/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Priester-Mell & Nicholson, for air insulated switchgear, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

(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 \$233,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 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 TVN1037 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on February 8, 2021 and it closed on March 9, 2021. Of the four 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=135024.

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: Terry V. Nicholson, at 512-322-6586 or

Terry.Nicholson@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Terry.Nicholson@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 12, 2021 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Ferchill, Funkhouser, and Wray absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide air insulated switchgear for Austin Energy to be used for underground electrical

distribution systems. A switchgear is a collection of fuses and switches used for high voltage switching and circuit protection. This equipment will be used as required for existing and future improvements on underground projects such as campus-type industrial needs and commercial applications where multiple pieces of equipment and multiple customers must be protected.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$1,400,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 700,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 700,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 700,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$3,500,000

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

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