



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2131, **Agenda Item #:** 73.

7/29/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Techline Inc., for fiberglass utility poles, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$33,333 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:**

Sole Source.

### **For More Information:**

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

June 21, 2021 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioner Reed off the dais and Commissioners Funkhouser, Trostle and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide fiberglass utility poles to be used for the replacement of rotted wooden poles and new installations. The poles are lighter and come in sections, allowing field crews to hand carry them into areas that are not accessible to the heavy equipment required for wood pole installations. Austin Energy's pole inspection initiative has identified several hundred wood poles that will need to be replaced over the next four to five years.

The poles are manufactured by Shakespeare and are the only fiberglass utility poles that have been qualified by Austin Energy. Techline, Inc. is the sole distributor of Shakespeare utility poles in the state of Texas.

### **Contract Detail:**

Contract	Length	Contract
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<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 200,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 200,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 200,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 200,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

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

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government That Works for All.