



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2413, Agenda Item #: 41.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc. to provide station class surge arresters, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,136,000.

(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

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$37,867 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 MEA1037 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on January 24, 2022 and closed on February 22, 2022. Of the seven 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://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135903)

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For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 18, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide station class surge arresters for Austin Energy. Surge arresters are protective devices used in electrical substations which limit over-voltages on critical equipment resulting from lightning strikes and network switching operations. Over-voltages can result in large financial losses to damaged equipment as well as lost electrical production. These surge arresters will be installed in new substations and replace existing units as needed.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.