



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3276, Agenda Item #: 9.

11/15/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of two contracts with KBS Electric Distributors Inc. and Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc. to provide circuit switchers, each for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, divided between the contractors.

[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 \$1,000,00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 CSZ1006REBID for these goods. The solicitation was issued on June 20, 2022, and it closed on July 14, 2022. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136954)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136954>.

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Cedric Zachary, at 512-974-2883 or cedric.zachary@austintexas.gov or Liz Lock, at 512-974-2866 or liz.lock@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

October 17, 2022 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Hadden absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide circuit switchers on an as-needed basis to support Austin Energy operations. Circuit switchers protect high voltage transmission lines, substation equipment, and the distribution system. Circuit switchers are essential to maintain the safety and reliability of the electrical system by performing

switching and protection functions in Austin Energy substations.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.