



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1493, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

4/13/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for fault indicators and fiber optic leads with KBS Electrical Distributors, Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$4,950,000.

[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 \$495,000 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 EAL1010 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on December 12, 2022, and closed on January 10, 2023. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid 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=137718>](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137718).

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-974-2866 or liz.lock@austintexas.gov <<mailto:liz.lock@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 20, 2023 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioners Bowen, Ferchill, Hadden, and Jonker absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide fault indicators and fiber optic leads. The goods are used in the electric power distribution network to detect faults in the system and reduce outage time. The materials will replenish stock at Austin Energy's warehouses. The contract will ensure that Austin Energy has the critical parts required for both system maintenance and for new projects.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.