



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Ratify four contracts for emergency electrical services during Winter Storm Mara with Bird Electric Enterprises, LLC, MP Technologies, LLC, Renegade Group, LLC, and Tempest Energy, LLC, in the amount of \$6,998,646, divided among the contractors.

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

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

In February 2023, Winter Storm Mara caused Austin Energy (AE) to conduct the largest restoration operation in its 127-year history. At its peak, nearly 174,000 customers (32% of customers) were without power due to the storm. The outages were spread across AE's entire service territory of 437 square miles in the Travis and Williamson counties. To address the extensive storm damage and provide timely power restoration, AE secured emergency electrical contractors.

These contracts augmented current AE personnel, electrical services contractors, and mutual aid crews from neighboring utilities. They provided additional personnel as well as the specialized equipment needed to navigate difficult terrain in parts of AE's service territory. Without the additional equipment and personnel secured through these contracts, the restoration efforts would have extended several more weeks.