



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-1898, **Agenda Item #:** 25.

7/20/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a contract for 145kv metering current transformers with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

[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 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DTB1031REBID for these goods. The solicitation was issued on October 10, 2022, and closed on November 1, 2022. Of the four 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=137895)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=137895](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137895)>.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov)  
<<mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov>> or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

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

June 12, 2023 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is to provide 145kv metering current transformers for Austin Energy. Metering current transformers are used for the protection from, measurement, and control of electrical currents in high-voltage electrical substations. These transformers are a crucial safety component for protecting Austin Energy personnel and substation equipment. Metering current transformers step down high primary currents to low secondary currents, limiting and minimizing the current for metering which protects against power surges that

could result in failures of critical substation equipment.