



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2898, **Agenda Item #:** 13.

10/5/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of seven contracts for electrical materials with Wesco Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Hi-Line Utility Supply Co., LLC; Power Supply Inc.; Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc.; JMR Technology Inc.; Graybar Electric Company, Inc.; KBS Electrical Distributors Inc.; and Techline Inc., each for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,500,000, divided among 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 \$1,700,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 EAL1012 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on March 6, 2023, and closed on April 4, 2023. Of the seven 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. Link: [Solicitat](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136183)

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### **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) 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:**

September 11, 2023 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blackburn and Bowen absent and two vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

These contracts will provide underground electrical materials for Austin Energy. The materials will replenish

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stock at Austin Energy's warehouses for issuance to field crews as required. These contracts will ensure that materials are available for timely repairs, maintenance, and new projects. Recommendation of award by line item to multiple contractors allows for best pricing and also provides multiple supply avenues as a protection to Austin Energy in this difficult supply chain environment.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$3,400,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$1,700,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$1,700,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$1,700,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$8,500,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.