



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3319, **Agenda Item #:** 47.

11/30/2023

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for electric utility wood poles with Weekes Forest Products, Inc., in the amount of \$1,134,500.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; 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 Inquiries regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

This ratification is for a contract to purchase electric utility wood poles for Austin Energy. The purchase of these poles was needed for the essential operations of Austin Energy as wood poles are a critical part of the City's energy infrastructure supply and are a primary piece in providing power to energy customers. Due to pandemic related labor and raw material shortages, the current contractor who supplies the City with utility poles was unable to supply the goods in the quantity and timeframe needed, impacting Austin Energy's emergency response and project delivery times. As a result, Austin Energy declared a Critical Business Need to purchase the available goods from Weekes Forest Products, Inc.