



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4270, Agenda Item #: 12.

4/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of two contracts for air switches with Royal Switchgear Manufacturing Co. and Morpac Industries Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,500,000.

[Note: This solicitation 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 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 \$708,333 is available in the Capital 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 PMC1007 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on November 27, 2023, and closed on December 19, 2023. Of the eight 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. This information can currently be found at:

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=139775.

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. 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:

March 18, 2024 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioner Alvaraez off the dais and three vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide air switches for Austin Energy substations which are used to sectionalize or separate power within a substation. The air switches isolate and redistribute power to service equipment and are used as a secondary safety device by providing a physical disconnect from electrified lines. The air switches are a

part of Austin Energy's reliability improvement projects and are necessary for promoting substation personnel safety.