

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: May 10, 2018

Item Number: **039**

Purchasing Office

Ratify a contract with Powell Electrical Systems Inc. for services and replacement parts to repair a switchgear in the amount of \$63,746. (Note: This contract is 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	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding was utilized for this critical business need in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding is not required in the budget of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for this contract.
Purchasing Language	Ratification.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Darralyn N. Johnson, at 512-505-7293 or Darralyn.Johnson@austinenergy.com .
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	April 16, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Vice Chair Hadden and Commissioner Reel absent and two vacancies.
Client Department(s)	Austin Energy.

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Additional Backup Information:

On July 8, 2017, the Dessau Substation experienced a cable fault causing severe damage to one of the switchgear resulting in a complete loss of power to Austin Energy customer, Samsung Semiconductor. Switchgear is a system of protective relays, circuit breakers and communication devices that is used to distribute power to the Austin Energy customer. Due to the severity of the damage, Austin Energy declared a critical business need and authorized an exemption from the required competitive process so staff could contract the necessary services and purchase replacement parts from the switch manufacturer, Powell Electrical Systems Inc. (Powell), to help restore and rebuild the equipment.

Powell was used because they possessed the technical expertise and parts inventory needed to help restore and rebuild the damaged equipment. Austin Energy currently contracts with Powell for the supply of substation switchgears. Austin Energy’s experience with their equipment and services has been positive.