

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

62710

Agenda Number

36.

Meeting Date:

October 6, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

## Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with TSE INTERNATIONAL, INC., for a cable puller/tensioner, in an amount not to exceed \$130,576.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing  
Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) MMO0111 for the item on June 13, 2016 which closed on July 7, 2016 with two offers received. The recommended offer is the lowest offer submitted by a responsible offeror. Additional information on the solicitation is included below the line.

**Prior Council  
Action:**



**For More  
Information:**

Marian Moore, Buyer II, 512-974-2062

**Boards and  
Commission  
Action:**

September 19, 2016 - Unanimously recommended by the Electric Utilities Commission on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Roa absent.

**Related Items:**

**MBE / WBE:**

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 item required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities and no certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

### Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of a trailer mounted cable puller/tensioner for the installation and removal of electrical conductors. Austin Energy regularly performs these operations to maintain and upgrade electrical infrastructure to ensure continuity of service to its customers. This cable puller/tensioner replaces equipment that has been in use since 1975.

Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability worked together to develop a purchasing process to progress towards our Citywide objective of carbon neutrality by 2020. The purchasing standard incorporates the following criteria: pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the equipment, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all purchase requests submitted to Fleet Services.

This equipment is powered by an engine capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). The B20 biodiesel the City currently purchases is soy-based biodiesel blended with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Low Emissions Diesel compliant ultra-low sulfur diesel. A new technology piece of equipment operating on B20 produces at least 10% less particulate matter, at least 10% less carbon monoxide, and at least 10% less unburned hydrocarbons than one running on petro-diesel, while also reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.

Without this equipment, electrical conductor upgrades and maintenance will be delayed and interrupt delivery of electrical service to Austin Energy customers.

#### **BID TABULATION**

IFB MMO0111  
Cable Puller/Tensioner  
1 Line Item

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bid</u></b>
<b>TSE International, Inc.</b>	<b>\$130,576</b>
<b>JTE Company LLC</b>	<b>\$229,936</b>

A complete solicitation package, including a bid tabulation, is on file in the City's Purchasing Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)