

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 1, 2018

Item Number: 059

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a contract with Apfelbaum Industrial, Inc., to provide a neutral grounding resistor, in an amount not to exceed \$98,720. (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	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DNJ0155 for these goods. The solicitation issued on April 2, 2018 and it closed on May 10, 2018. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. 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: Solicitation Documents < https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124709 >.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov < mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov > NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Darralyn N. Johnson, at 512-505-7293 or Darralyn.Johnson@austinenergy.com < mailto:Darralyn.Johnson@austinenergy.com >.

Client Department(s)	Austin Energy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of a neutral grounding resistor for Austin Energy's Seaholm Substation as part of the Seaholm Transformer Capital Improvement Project to support future load growth in the downtown area.

Neutral grounding resistors are used in electric power systems to manage ground faults by limiting fault currents to protect equipment and provide a safe operating environment for personnel, as well as continuity of supply. This neutral grounding resistor will protect the new transformer, personnel and other equipment at the Seaholm Substation in the event of an electrical fault.