



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2939, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

10/3/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Wesco Distribution, Inc. Alias: Hi-Line Utility Supply Co, LLC AKA Power Supply, to provide three-phase electronic reclosers, for up to four years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$950,000.

(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.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$217,708 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 MEA1004 for these goods. The solicitation issued on June 3, 2019 and it closed on July 9, 2019. Of the two 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=130797)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130797>.

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: Maria Andrade at 512-972-9424 or Maria.Andrade@austinenergy.com <<mailto:Maria.Andrade@austinenergy.com>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Boyle, Funkhouser, Hopkins and Wray absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide three-phase electronic reclosers for Austin Energy to be used on an as-needed basis.

Reclosers are installed on overhead electric distribution lines to sense disturbances, open the electric circuit to allow the disturbance to clear, and reclose to restore power. Reclosers are installed in electric distribution systems to improve system performance, reduce momentary power outages, improve reliability, and isolate permanent electric faults.

This contract will allow Austin Energy to continue replacing obsolete and worn reclosers and continue new installations. The authorization requested is based on Austin Energy's Capital Improvement Plan and anticipated replacement of installed units as they reach end of life.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$237,500
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$237,500
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$237,500
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$237,500
TOTAL	4 yrs.	\$950,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.