



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2976, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

10/14/2021

Posting Language

Ratify a contract with KV Power, LLC, for overhead transmission electrical maintenance, in the amount of \$1,000,000.

(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.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification and Critical Business Need.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 13, 2021 - The Electric Utility Commission was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract was for transmission electrical maintenance services for Austin Energy. The contract supplemented Austin Energy's normal work by providing ready access to contract labor and equipment for the performance of routine and emergency transmission work. The services were primarily for service extensions and storm-related outage restoration.

Continued growth in Austin has contributed to the need to expand and upgrade electric infrastructure and acquire the services to fulfill customer projects and meet electric utility reliability requirements. This contract was critical to serving load growth and ensuring the reliability of the electrical system. Projects included digging pole holes, hauling and setting poles, making contacts on energized conductors, installing guy anchors, and pulling and replacing rotten poles.

The previous contract expired before the replacement contract request could be approved by Council. The solicitation was delayed in order to address a protest received, so this contract was needed to cover the

service until the new contract could be approved.

Per Resolution No. 20040610-002, Austin Energy issued a critical business need to obtain the required services.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.