



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3364, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

11/18/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with GE Grid Solutions LLC to provide relays and power quality meters, for a term of five years in the amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 3, 2021 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Michel, Musgrove, and Williams absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the City with approved original equipment manufacturer by GE Multilin for relays and power quality meters (PQM). The parts will provide vital monitoring and protection of electrical distribution systems and critical process equipment throughout the Austin water and wastewater treatment plants, distribution and collection systems. The protective relays and PQM are a component of the electrical protection and monitoring system that requires OEM replacement to maintain compliance with higher level programed system architecture and maintenance software systems provided by in house technicians.

The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend, along with a small annual increase to account for an increase in repairs due to aging equipment.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, proper maintenance and unscheduled repairs would not be

accomplished, risking component failures. GE Multilin relay failures will potentially affect the Austin Water treatment operation systems electrical distribution and critical process equipment, there by hindering multiple processes throughout the treatment process.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Safety.