



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3790, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

1/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of two contracts with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc. and Sherman & Reilly to provide bundle stringing blocks in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 divided between the contractors.

(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

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 MEA1032 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on August 2, 2021, and it closed on August 31, 2021. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135601)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135601>.

For More Information:

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@austintexas.gov
<<mailto:Maria.Andrade@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 10, 2022 - The Electric Utility Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts are for bundle stringing blocks to be utilized by Austin Energy's Transmission Construction and Maintenance group, to safely allow re-conductor upgrading throughout Austin Energy's 650 miles of transmission system. This conductor upgrade prevents conductor failure resulting in service interruptions and public safety concerns. These bundle stringing blocks are necessary to upgrade the transmission conductors within Austin Energy's transmission system.

This recommendation is in accordance with Local Government Code 271.905 and Resolution No. 20140807-

113 to invoke local preference. This local bidder is offering the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the City created by the contract award, including the employment of residents and increased tax revenues.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.