



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 24-4272, Agenda Item #: 14.**

**4/18/2024**

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a contract for continued supply of indoor arc-resistant switchgear with Powell Electrical Systems Inc., to increase the amount by \$5,000,000 and to extend the term by one year for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$27,000,000.

[Note: This contract 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 contract, 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 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

### **Prior Council Action:**

December 13, 2018 - Council approved a contract for indoor arc-resistant switchgear with Powell Electrical Systems, Inc.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

March 18, 2024 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioner Alvaraez off the dais and three vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This amendment will provide Austin Energy with continued supply of indoor arc-resistant switchgear to be used, as required, in substations to replace units at end of life, as well as upgrades and additional units to serve customers. Switchgears control and protect the power transformer and the distribution circuits in the event of an electrical fault, instantaneously isolating the connected equipment from the electrical fault. This prevents damage to equipment and allow it to quickly come back online once the fault is cleared, reducing outage time. The arc-resistant feature of this switchgear will contain and redirect an arc-fault's blast and debris, providing protection to personnel and equipment.

Additional time and funding are needed to purchase switchgears until a replacement contract can be executed.