



# City of Austin

301 W. Second Street  
Austin, TX

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 21-3801, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

2/3/2022

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### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Powell Electrical Systems, Inc. to provide 15kV automatic throw over double tank switchgear, for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

(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

Financial Services Department.

### Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$160,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. 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:

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

### Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide Austin Energy with a supply of 15kV automatic throw over double tank switchgear to be used as required. Switchgear helps maintain the safety and reliability of the electrical grid by performing switching functions in substations. The double tank switchgear has a dual-feed system that automatically switches to an alternate feed if the primary feed is de-energized, making it more reliable for customers that require a higher level of reliability such as hospitals.

This contractor is the only manufacturer that offers a double tank switchgear that meets Austin Energy requirements as a standard and does not have any resellers of this equipment.

### Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.