



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1984, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

10/9/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for the purchase and installation of laboratory hoods for Austin Energy with H2I Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Funding: \$150,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

\$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. Austin Financial Services and Austin Energy have determined this contractor best meets the needs of Austin Energy to provide these goods and services required for the City.

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were exempt from MBE/WBE Procurement Program, therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

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

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 8, 2025 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 11-0 vote.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract is for the purchase and installation of two 4' Protector XL Benchtop Hoods and a 4' Protector Premier Benchtop Hood. Chemists often use solvents, acids, and other toxic chemicals when processing samples for analysis and for safe handling, this work is carried out inside a hood that is designed to exhaust these chemicals away from the analyst. The laboratory's current hoods are more than 20 years old and have reached the end of service life, meaning they are no longer serviceable and must be replaced.

Sourcewell is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts

that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.

If contract is not approved, this could impact the health and safety of Austin Energy staff.