



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-6490, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

1/30/2025

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize a contract for electric meters and associated services for Austin Energy with Texas Electric Cooperatives, for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options for a total contract amount not to exceed \$62,000,000. Funding: \$62,000,000 is available in Austin Energy's Capital Budget.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$62,000,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals solicitation RFP 1100 PAB3015REBID for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on August 5, 2024, and closed on August 22, 2024. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at [https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=141498](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=141498).

### **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 insufficient subcontracting opportunities; 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](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

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

January 13, 2025 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Reed absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This contract is for the purchase of commercial and residential electric meters deployed throughout Austin Energy service area on an as-needed basis. Electric meters provide the ability for Austin Energy to measure,

track, and bill for energy consumption. They are also used to provide additional insights into the distribution system such as voltage levels and outage information.

Additionally, the contractor will provide technical support on metering features and functionality, testing, and training on new metering software and features. The contractor will also manage the meter remediation process when meters are sent for repairs or replacement.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Texas Electric Cooperatives as the best to provide these services based on project concept and strategy, safety and materials, remediation program, experience, price, Local Business and Small Business Preference.

The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods and services. A delay in approval could impact the City's ability to install, replace, support, and maintain meters for energy customers.