



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6488, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

1/30/2025

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for pole and pad mounted transformers for Austin Energy with Rosie Imports LLC d/b/a Rosie Utility Products, in the amount of \$3,001,407. Funding: Funding is available in Austin Energy's Operating Budget.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

MBE/WBE:

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise 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.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract was for pole and pad mounted transformers to replenish warehouse stock for new construction, utility maintenance, and power restoration. Current suppliers under contract have been subject to national level supply chain shortages and unable to source these materials with any certainty of cost or schedule and as such required Austin Energy to declare a Critical Business Need to directly contract with Rosie Imports LLC d/b/a Rosie Utility Products to meet project demand. Due to long lead times of up to 52 weeks, Austin Energy needed to place orders prior to receiving Council approval to avoid delays in 2025 and early 2026 construction projects.