



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2552, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

9/14/2023

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for electric utility wood poles with Peak Substation Services LLC, in the amount of \$500,000.

[Note: This contract is 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 was available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

For More Information:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The ratification was for a contract that was needed to purchase electric utility wood poles necessary to ensure the essential operations of Austin Energy (AE). Wood poles are a part of AE's critical infrastructure supply and are integral to maintain power to AE customers. Due to pandemic related labor shortages and raw material shortages, lead times on wood poles dramatically impacted AE's emergency response and project delivery times. As a result, AE declared a Critical Business Need in order to proceed with a contract to purchase wood poles to ensure sufficient supplies would be available for future orders.