

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	21286	Agenda Number	7.
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Meeting Date:	January 31, 2013
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Department:	Contract Management
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following three staff recommended firms (or one of the other qualified responders): JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.; ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC. dba RPS ESPEY; and BURY + PARTNERS, INC. for engineering services for Austin Energy's 2013 Engineering Services for Chilled Water in the Right-of-Way Rotation List for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, with the total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 divided among the three firms.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendations are the three most qualified firms out of 12 firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	James Matlock 322-6273; Rolando Fernandez 974-7749; Jeff Vice 322-6087; April Shaw 974-7141.
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on January 28, 2013.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE subcontractor participation.
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Additional Backup Information

Austin Energy (AE) owns and operates approximately seven miles of chilled water transmission and distribution piping in Downtown Austin and approximately three miles at Mueller. In addition, AE provides operation and maintenance services for the chilled water transmission and distribution loop at the Domain which is approximately three miles long. In all, these lines are fed by four plants, two in the downtown area (the Paul Robbins Plant and District Cooling Plant # 2), one at Mueller, and one at the Domain. AE provides chilled water services to approximately 60 customers within the City of Austin via its transmission and distribution pipelines.

The selected consultants for the 2013 Engineering Services for Chilled Water Pipe in the Right-of-Way Rotation List will provide engineering services for additions, extensions, and retrofits to existing transmission and distribution piping systems with the objective of increasing system load and/or improving overall operation, efficiency and reliability. The engineering service projects may include, but are not limited to installation of underground chilled water distribution piping to retail stores or high rise condominiums, and connection and extension of AE's chilled water transmission systems to serve customers.

The total funding authority for the 2013 Engineering Services for Chilled Water Pipe In The Right-of-Way Rotation List is \$1,500,000 with the authority for each of three firms to be approximately \$500,000.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the three staff recommended firms (or one of the other qualified responders) for an estimated period of two years or until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm or firms, if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were: 1.9% African American; 9.0% Hispanic; 4.9% Native/Asian; and 15.8% WBE. The recommended firm(s) provided MBE/WBE Compliance Plans which met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 2,980 firms on August 24, 2012. The RFQ was obtained by 117 firms and 12 submitted qualification statements. Three of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
Espey Consultants, Inc., dba RPS Espey
Bury + Partners, Inc.

The three firms listed above are located in Austin, Texas.