

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	27931	Agenda Number	6.
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Meeting Date:	October 24, 2013
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Department:	Contract Management
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN CONSTRUCTORS, LLC, for construction and installation of water and wastewater lines and temporary electric service required for temporary chillers to serve several Seaholm Development District facilities in an amount not to exceed \$267,756.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of two bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on October 21, 2013.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 78.66% MBE prime participation; 0.37% MBE and 2.60% WBE subcontractor participation.
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Additional Backup Information

The proposed contract with Austin Constructors, LLC, will allow for the construction and installation of water and wastewater lines and temporary electric service necessary for the installation of temporary chillers to serve several facilities in the Seaholm Development District. The temporary chillers will serve the renovated Seaholm Power Plant, a mixed-use high-rise residential complex, and the new Central Library.

Austin Energy will initially provide chilled water service to these facilities from temporary chillers that will be installed under a separate contract. The temporary chillers will be located on the Crescent Tract on 2nd Street between The Gables, currently under construction, and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. These temporary chillers will deliver chilled water to the facilities through 24" lines installed under a previously-approved Developer Participation Agreement with Seaholm Power, LLC. Austin Energy plans to extend new chilled water lines from the Crescent Tract to existing lines under Bowie Street and connect the Seaholm facilities listed earlier to the Downtown chilled water system.

Austin Energy's District Cooling Systems serve approximately 60 customers in the Downtown, Mueller, and Domain service areas, providing chilled water services to customers to meet their cooling needs. Austin Energy owns and operates four District Cooling Plants—two in the Downtown area, one at Mueller and one at The Domain. The two Downtown District Cooling plants, located at 3rd and San Antonio Streets and 5th and Sabine Streets, serve 30 customers with a growing number of new customers in an increasingly dense downtown area.

This project is located in zip code 78701 and will be managed by Austin Energy.

Austin Constructors, LLC, is located in Austin, Texas.