

Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council Item ID: 32793 Agenda Number 2.

Meeting Date: May 22, 2014

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with STANLEY CONSULTANTS, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP142, to provide Engineering Services for Austin Energy's Electric Service Delivery, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.

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	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of five firms evaluated through the City's
Language:	qualification-based selection process.
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More	Ron Humphrey, (512) 505-7089; Michelle Croft, (512) 974-2657; Rolando Fernandez, (512)
Information:	974-7749; Elizabeth Godfrey (512) 974-7141.
Boards and	
Commission	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on May 19, 2014
Action:	
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE sub-consultant participation.
Additional Backup Information	

The selected firm would serve as Electric Service Delivery's professional consultant and provide technical consultation and advice to Austin Energy (AE). The firm will be capable of producing turnkey projects and construction drawing packages. The firm will also be capable of supplying on-site engineering, technical, and drafting personnel as needed. The specific skills required and duration of time will be provided in each scope of work issued to the firm.

All tasks required to complete the work will be performed by the firm or by sub-consultants under the supervision of the firm on a case by case basis. AE reserves the option to participate in the work to the degree deemed necessary or appropriate. When AE exercises the right to perform any part of the work, the firm shall cooperate with staff.

This authorization provides for funding of professional services related to Austin Energy's Transmission, Substation, Distribution, Planning, Project Management, Operations, Real Estate, and Network Engineering groups.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

Participation sub-goals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Native/Asian American; 15.80% WBE. The recommended firm provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department. The alternate firm provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was 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 2163 firms on November 15, 2013. The RFQ was obtained by 100 firms and 5 submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified as MBE/WBE. Five firms were evaluated and the top two firms completed mandatory interviews to determine the recommended firm.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: STANLEY CONSULTANTS, INC.

ALTERNATE FIRM: TRC ENGINEERS, INC.

Stanley Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

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