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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

33739

Agenda Number

48.

Meeting Date:

June 26, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION for the purchase of website and licensing support services for the power production power plant craft and skills training & assessment program for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$88,740, with two 24-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$88,740 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$266,220.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$11,093 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining twenty-one months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Best evaluated proposal.

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Paige McDonald, Buyer II, 512-322-6118

Boards and
Commission
Action:

5/19/14 - Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 6-0.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide website residence, support, and access to training modules for the Austin Energy Work Force Progression Program. The program includes computer based training, on the job training, instructor led training, and job performance measures for the crafts utilized in the power plants.

The website and licensing agreement supports the Work Force Progression Program that trains Power Plant Craft personnel both in their current area of expertise, as well as new areas. The program will also teach basic power plant principles to employees who do not work at the power plant daily, yet need to know information about the plants and how they work. Employees who complete the curriculum are eligible to progress to higher craft/skill levels.

An Austin Energy evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the proposals. Evaluation criteria included technical solution and program to accomplish the work, demonstrated applicable experience, cost and local business presence.

The evaluation team chose GP Strategies Corporation, Columbia, MD as the best evaluated and sole qualified offeror due to their extensive experience in training and consulting with specialization in the utility industry.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred sixty-one notices were sent, including two MBEs and one WBE. Three proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBE.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.