

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	52667	Agenda Number	8.
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Meeting Date:	December 17, 2015
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Department:	Capital Contracting Office
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**Subject**

Authorize execution of a construction contract with PIATRA INC., for the Austin Energy St. Elmo Storage Addition Project, in the amount of \$379,925 plus a \$37,992 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$417,917.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$417,917 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on December 14, 2015.
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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 11.27% MBE and 88.73% WBE participation.
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**Additional Backup Information**

The rapid population growth in the City of Austin and Austin Energy's service territory has resulted in an increased customer base and an increased need for equipment and materials to serve more customers. This construction contract, for a 2,100 square foot addition to Austin Energy's existing 3,500 square foot St. Elmo Warehouse, will provide indoor storage for sensitive equipment required to serve electric customers.

The proposed addition will provide security for expensive and sensitive electrical equipment and proper storage of equipment currently stored outdoors. Austin Energy must keep an adequate stock of materials and equipment on hand for customer installations due to a long lead time in ordering much of these supplies.

The proposed addition to the warehouse is within the footprint of Austin Energy's St. Elmo Service Center which is located in a large industrial area south of East St. Elmo Road and just east of IH-35. This area does not include homes or neighborhoods.

A delay in this project could impact the security and functionality of the sensitive equipment being stored and could also delay various projects if an adequate supply of materials and equipment cannot be maintained.

Due to the potential for corrections and/or modifications, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78744 (District 3). The project will be managed by Austin Energy.

Piatra Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.