

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	57818	Agenda Number	22.
Meeting Date:		May 19, 2016			
Department:		Purchasing			
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a 72-month contract with BRACE INTEGRATED SERVICES, INC, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals NST0408REBID, to provide heat trace and insulation services in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$208,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 68 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:	The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) NST0408REBID for these goods and services on December 22, 2015 and it closed on January 29, 2016 with four offers received. The recommended offer is the best evaluated offer submitted by the responsible offerors. Additional information on the solicitation is included below the line.				
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Cheryl Kaufman, Senior Buyer, 512-505-3545				
Boards and Commission Action:	April 18, 2016 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Wray off the dais.				
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were an insufficient number of certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.				

Additional Backup Information

The contract provides Austin Energy power plants with industrial insulation and heat tracing services. Decker Creek Power Station and Sand Hill Energy Center require insulation services to insulate process lines to protect personnel from hot surfaces and improve process efficiency. Heat tracing is an electrical warming system installed under the insulation on critical process piping to prevent freezing during winter operations. Properly maintained insulation and heat trace systems are critical to winter reliability of the power plants. Furthermore, ERCOT protocols require that each power plant submit documentation prior to the winter season certifying that all freeze protection systems are in proper working order. Routine maintenance activities can disturb insulation and heat trace systems and this contract provides required support to restore and maintain insulation and heat trace to insure that Austin Energy meets these ERCOT certification requirements.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Brace Integrated Services, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on safety record, experience, personnel qualifications, local business presence and total evaluated cost.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected.

A complete solicitation package, including a response list, is on file in the City's Purchasing Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)