



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1534, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

4/25/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc., to provide consulting services to refresh Austin Energy's strategic plan, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Service.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 8, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioners Hopkins and Wray absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide consulting services to refresh Austin Energy's strategic plan released in 2016 and its strategic initiatives released in 2017. The refresh will focus on achieving two goals. The first goal is to assess strategic initiatives and metrics for relevance to Austin Energy's strategic goals and the strategic outcomes included in the City's Strategic Direction 2023. Secondly, the contractor will advise Austin Energy on improving operationalization of the strategic plan through targeted communication and performance reporting, resourcing to support strategic initiatives, further clarification of roles and responsibilities, and developing a balanced process for assessing alignment with Austin Energy's strategic goals and City strategic outcomes on an annual basis.

Austin Energy contacted three companies known to have extensive experience in the utility space and an understanding of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas market. Austin Energy reviewed proposal received

from each of the three companies and selected the best experienced company.

PA Consulting Group, Inc. facilitated Austin Energy's current strategic plan. The contractor has extensive experience with municipal utilities in the areas of strategic planning, current state and best practices, utility customer expectations and energy markets.