



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1802, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

6/6/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Navigant Consulting Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3002, to provide regulatory consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$99,000.

(Note: 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 services required for this solicitation, 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:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3002 for these services. The solicitation issued on January 7, 2019 and it closed on February 5, 2019. Of the eight offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=128251)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=128251>.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-322-6251 or Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com <<mailto:Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 13, 2019 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Weldon off the dais and Commissioners Hadden and Stone absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide regulatory consulting services for Austin Energy including public outreach meetings, reporting, analysis, and recommendations to accomplish identified tasks. On August 29, 2016 City Council

signed Ordinance No. 20160829-004, which included a Joint Recommendation that identified research items to address prior to the next rate case. The contractor will prepare studies on the rate structure for Secondary Voltage Service 1 (demand less than 10 kilowatt) including the appropriateness of the non-demand threshold. The contractor will also study the characteristics and determinants of non-residential customers' monthly peak demand, including load profile analysis, peak usage sensitivity to weather inputs, and the extent to which individual customer peaks are coincident with system peaks of Austin Energy and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

This is a new contract. An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Navigant Consulting Inc. as the best to provide these services based on concept and solution, personnel qualifications, price, demonstrated applicable experience, local business preference, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

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, authorizing new contract negotiations.