



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2980, **Agenda Item #:** 97.

10/3/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Piatra, Inc. (WBE), for the Kramer Building E Relay Renovations Rebid project, in the amount of \$512,985.00 plus a \$51,298.50 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$564,283.50.

[Note: 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 5.90% MBE and 94.10% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department(s)

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Only one responsive bid received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

For More Information:

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

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or the Project Manager, Bhasker Reddi, 512-972-9546.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Boyle, Funkhouser, Hopkins and Wray absent.

Additional Backup Information:

In preparation for the planned redevelopment of city-owned property located at 6909 Ryan Drive, the first of Austin Energy's operations will relocate from that site to an existing facility at 2526 Kramer Lane. The Office of Real Estate Services is working to identify other sites needed for remaining utility operations at the Ryan Drive property, e.g., transmission, transmission construction, distribution, distribution construction, reclamations and warehouse space.

The project will allow for the renovation of Building E at 2526 Kramer Lane to accommodate Austin Energy's relay operations including a workshop, offices and storage space. The existing 65,742 square foot single-story structure will be renovated to two include interior levels consisting of steel-framed offices and workshop space

on the first level with storage space above. The project will house the growing needs of Austin Energy's relay operations, responsible for testing and commissioning electrical equipment needed for utility projects throughout the service territory.

The Kramer Lane project must be executed before closure of the Ryan Drive facility to ensure continuity of relay construction project work to provide safe and functional electrical components and equipment to construction crews.

For the initial solicitation one bid was submitted; however, the bid was deemed non-responsive. A rebid of the solicitation was issued and three prime contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Staff reached out to two of the prime contractors who did not submit a bid. One prime contractor that responded that they did not submit a bid due to their large workload. The other prime contractor did not respond to staff inquiry.

Significant public involvement occurred for the redevelopment of the Ryan Drive tract; however, no public impact is anticipated for the proposed project on Kramer Lane. The construction project will be contained on Austin Energy's existing Kramer Lane site which is located within a commercial area.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions, a 10% contingency in funding is 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 200 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78758 (District 7).

Piatra, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas. (WBE/FW)

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=131198>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=131198).