



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2977, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

10/17/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc. (MBE), for the District Cooling Plant II - Exterior Tile Repair Rebid project, in the amount of \$470,955 plus a \$47,095.50 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$518,050.50.

[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 81.01% MBE and 1.75% 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 Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids 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:

October 14, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy's District Cooling Plant II ("DCP2"), located at 410 Sabine Street, was built in 2005 to provide chilled water services to large commercial customers in downtown Austin as part of a thermal storage system serving nearly 14 million square feet of customer space, equaling 34,258 tons of peak cooling. The DCP2 construction project included a large tile mosaic titled Big Chiller Blues, commissioned through the Art in Public Places program.

Due to failure of concrete materials on a portion of the exterior of the plant facility, repairs are necessary to restore the building exterior, including replacement of tiles on the lower portion of the east facing wall that have separated from the structure. An engineering consultant conducted a forensic investigation and recommended repairing the underlying structural wall.

The project consists of removing tile from the affected section of the exterior wall, repairing the existing concrete wall and replacing the tiles on the repaired wall. Additional work is required to replace the sidewalk along the base of the wall and remove non-functioning lights near the base of the wall.

The work will be contained to the east and north walls of the DCP2 facility and will require temporarily blocking the sidewalks. Signage will safely direct pedestrian traffic to sidewalks on the opposite side of the streets.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions, 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 100 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 and Council District 9.

Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc. (MBE/MH) is located in Austin, Texas.

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=130616>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130616)