Council Meeting Date:

October 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

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 Agenda Office@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

PROJECT VICINITY MAP - NOT TO SCALE



TEXAS REGISTERED ENGINEERING FIRM F-0093



EXTERIOR TILE REPAIR Austin Energy District Cooling Plant II

WJE 2016.2948

TITLE:

FIGURE No:

M/WBE Summary

Public notice was given for this solicitation, CLMC 725A DCP II - Exterior Tile Repair Rebid, through the City's Vendor Connection web portal. Four bids were received and opened on May 23, 2019. Of the four bids received, two were MBE/WBE certified firms. Muniz Concrete & Contracting Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid of four bids received:

Muniz Concrete & Contracting Inc., Austin, TX (MBE/MH)	\$ 470,955.00
Restec, Inc., Austin, TX	\$ 540,000.00
HSU Equity, Inc., Austin, TX (WBE/FA)	Non-Responsive
DeNucci Constructors, LLC, Austin, TX	Non-Responsive

The contractor's choice of work methodology provides for 10 areas of subcontracting opportunities which are listed below. Project specific sub goals stated in the solicitation were 2.71% African American; 5.18% Hispanic; 0.32% Native/Asian; 1.39% WBE. Total participation estimated on base bid amount:

Base Bid: \$ 470,955.00

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PRIME	M/WBE TOTAL	\$ 359,759.15	76.39%
	MH - Muniz Constructors & Contractors LLC, Austin, TX		
MBE TO	TALS - SUBCONTRACTORS	\$ 21,787.00	4.62%
	African American Subtotal	\$ 14,222.00	3.02%
	MB - Robert E. Ashford, Austin, TX (Trucking/hauling)	\$ 14,222.00	3.02%
	Hispanic Subtotal	\$ 5,000.00	1.06%
	MH - Zamora LLC, Austin, TX (Surveying services)	\$ 5,000.00	1.06%
	Native/Asian American Subtotal	\$ 2,565.00	0.54%
	MA - Benquest LLC, Austin, TX (Diesel, gasoline fuel)	\$ 2,565.00	0.54%
WBE TO	TALS - SUBCONTRACTORS	\$ 8,235.00	1.75%
	FW - Stephanie Braun Clayton LLC, Austin, TX (Construction photography)	\$ 8,235.00	1.75%
NON ME	BE/WBE TOTALS - SUBCONTRACTORS	\$ 81,173.85	17.24%
	Redi-Mix LLC, Austin, TX (Concrete, readymix)	\$ 7,000.00	1.49%
	Runjesnor, LP, Austin,TX (Scaffolding rental)	\$ 7,783.95	1.65%
	Colin A. Jowett, Round Rock, TX (Sand blasting)	\$ 15,588.00	3.31%
	AWP, Inc., North Canton, OH (Traffic control equipment,		

The Contractor submitted a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department. Second low bidder information is provided.

SECOND BIDDER – Restec, Inc., Austin, TX

placement, rental)

Richard's Electric LP, Leander, TX (Electrical contractor)

Dela Tile and Stone, Austin, TX (Decorative tile/glass)

\$ 540,000.00

595.38

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51.59% Non M/WBE prime participation; 0% African American; 0% Hispanic; 0.31%Native/Asian; 0% WBE; 48.1% Non M/WBE subcontractor participation

Council Meeting Date:

October 31, 2019

Posting Language:

Authorize issuance of energy efficiency program rebates during Fiscal Year 2019-20, in an amount not to exceed \$2,120,000 for multifamily energy efficiency rebates and \$2,335,000 for commercial energy efficiency rebates, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$4,455,000.

Fiscal Note:

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

For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Relations (512) 322-6087; Denise Kuehn, Director, Energy Efficiency Services (512) 322-6138.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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

October 15, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy's energy efficiency rebate programs provide customer incentives to reduce energy demand and associated costs, benefiting all electric utility customers and the utility. This authorization will allow Austin Energy to issue rebates to multifamily and commercial customers during Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for energy efficiency improvements in accordance with program guidelines and up to a combined amount of \$4,455,000.

This aggregate rebate approval request reflects a continued commitment to be responsive and flexible to customer needs. Customers and contractors participating in the rebate programs asked for reduced wait times to be reimbursed for their energy efficiency projects. The current approval process typically adds 60-90 days for completion of a project, depending on rebate timing and commission and Council agenda scheduling. Some property owners have declined participation in the rebate programs after learning how long it would take to be reimbursed.

Therefore, Austin Energy requests authorization to issue up to \$2,120,000 in multifamily energy efficiency rebates and \$2,335,000 in commercial energy efficiency rebates during Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The combined program funding represented in this request is \$4,455,000 and was included in Austin Energy's Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget approved by Council on September 10, 2019. The funds do not carry over to a subsequent year.

The annual cap for a multifamily or commercial customer will remain at \$300,000; and the types of energy efficiency measures eligible for rebates will remain the same, e.g., lighting, insulation, duct seal/repair, smart thermostats, HVAC tune-ups, etc.

This authority includes the following pending energy efficiency rebates:

- Commercial program rebate to WG Arboretum LLC for lighting retrofits at the Atria at Arboretum, a senior living facility at 9306 Great Hills Trail in District 10, for \$63,336.
- Multifamily (income qualified) program rebate to the FP Affordable Housing LP, for duct work, lighting retrofits, smart thermostats, and air conditioning and heating system tune-ups at Forest Park Apartments, 1088 Park Plaza in District 4, for \$157,160. The property consists of 228 units with an average rent of \$880 for a one-bedroom unit; \$1054 for a two-bedroom unit; \$1168 for a three-bedroom unit; and \$1331 for a four-bedroom unit.
- Multifamily (standard) program rebate to Iron Horse Apartments for lighting retrofits, smart
 thermostats and air conditioning and heating system tune-ups at the Iron Horse Flats
 Apartments, 1930 W. Rundberg Lane in District 4, for \$95,630. The property consists of 200
 units with an average rent of \$1021 for a one-bedroom unit and \$1346 for a two-bedroom
 unit.

Austin Energy will continue to provide monthly and quarterly reports on Customer Energy Solutions programs at <u>austinenergy.com/ae/about/reports-and-data-library/customer-energy-solutions-program-updates</u>.

Council Meeting Date:

October 31, 2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement and substation access easement consisting of approximately 7.687 acres or 334,847 square feet of land; a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of approximately 0.216 acres or 9,930 square feet of land; and a fee simple Northeast Substation site consisting of approximately 5.575 acres or 242,687 square feet of land out of the Marquita Castro Survey Number 50, Abstract Number 160, for the relocation of a portion of Austin Energy Transmission Circuit 975 located along Howard Lane in Travis County, Texas, and being a portion of that called 364.305 acres of land described to RH Pioneer North, LLC and recorded in Document No. 2017178604, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$893,000, including standard and customary closing costs.

Fiscal Note

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

For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The Transmission Circuit 975 Upgrade Project requires relocating a 2.9 mile portion of the circuit out of the Missouri-Kansas Railroad corridor because it cannot be safely accessed for maintenance or construction, and it will not meet National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements.

The transmission line is being upgraded from a 2,000-amp rating to 3,000 amps to restore reliability that has been affected due to inadequate shielding and minimal phase-to-phase and phase-to-structure spacing. The new location along Howard Lane will provide increased safety and reliability for the public, customers and crews, and improved connectivity within the overall electric service system.

The current fair market value of the tracts, as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser, is \$893,000. The property owner accepted the appraised value for the subject easements.

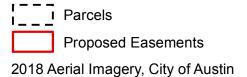
This project is located within the Austin two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction, in Travis County, Texas.

Proposed Electric Transmission and Distribution Easement for

Austin Energy Transmission
Circuit 975 Partial Relocation;
Substation Access & Transmission
Easement, and New Substation
site fee simple acquisition

Owner: RH Pioneer North, LLC - Tract #17

Location: 3407 Gregg Lane



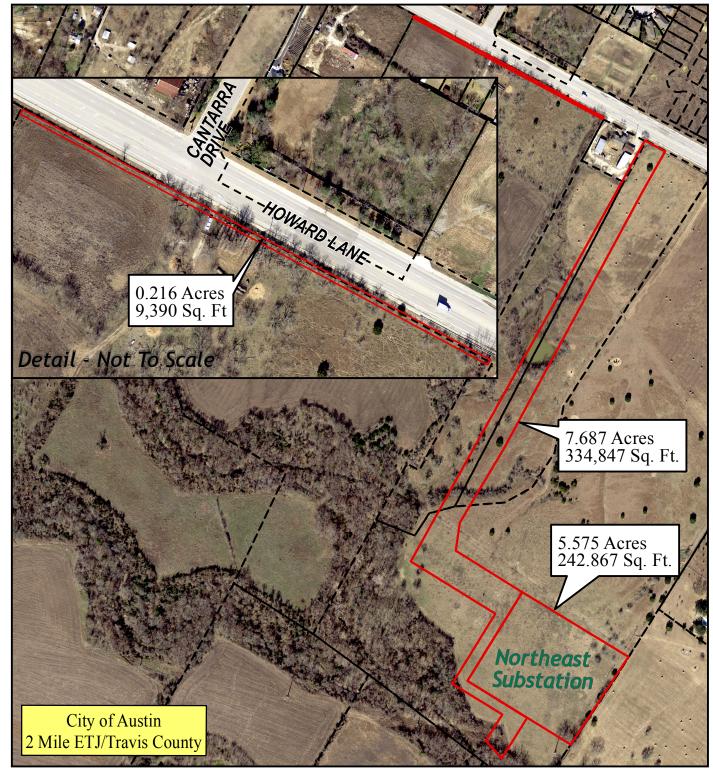


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Council Meeting Date: November 14, 2019

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with GAC Equipment LLC D/B/A Austin Crane Service, to provide industrial crane services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,800,000. (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 in the amount of \$466,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 MEA1005 for these services. The solicitation issued on July 8, 2019 and it closed on July 30, 2019. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Maria Andrade, at 512-972-9424 or Maria.Andrade@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide access to industrial cranes for required use by Austin Energy to safely lift, load, transport and unload large and heavy utility equipment and materials on an as-needed basis. The contractor will provide all labor and tooling required. These services are required to complete existing and future utility projects to ensure system reliability.

The current contract for these services expires in November 2019. GAC Equipment LLC D/B/A Austin Crane Service is the current provider for these services.

Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract
<u>Term</u>	of Term	Authorization
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$1,120,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 560,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 560,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 560,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$2,800,000

Council Meeting Date: November 14, 2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Great Western Managed Services Corporation (WBE), or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals 1100 JMF3001REBID, to provide grounds maintenance services for Austin Energy substations and adjacent areas, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000.

(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 in the amount of \$110,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 JMF3001REBID for these services. The solicitation issued on June 3, 2019 and it closed on June 20, 2019. Of the six 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.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Julia Finn, at 512-322-6060 or <u>Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov</u>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide grounds maintenance services for over 60 locations within the Austin Energy service area. Services include commercial mowing, trimming, edging, and irrigation inspection and repair to ensure appropriate lawn care management and code compliance. The contractor will provide and maintain all equipment necessary for proper maintenance at each location.

This contract will replace a contract expiring November 23, 2019. The recommended contractor is not the current provider for these services. The recommended contractor is certified by the City as a women-owned business enterprise (WBE).

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Great Western Managed Services Corporation as the best to provide these services based on prior experience and personnel, equipment and facilities, price, 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.

Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract
<u>Term</u>	of Term	Authorization
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$120,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$120,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$120,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$120,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$120,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$600,000

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with SimGenics, LLC, to provide onsite power plant simulator training, for up to five years in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

(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 in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 MMH3001 for these services. The solicitation issued on May 20, 2019 and it closed on June 13, 2019. Of the two 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.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Melita Harden, at 512-322-6149 or Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide training for operators at Austin Energy's power plants using full-scale, high fidelity simulators. The training covers startup and abnormal operating conditions to enhance skills in a no-risk, instructor-led environment including a post-assessment to gauge effectiveness. This training is essential to developing operators' response capabilities in a variety of situations. The contractor will provide training for combined cycle units at Sand Hill Energy Center and conventional units at the Decker Power Station. The simulator training for operators at Decker will continue until steam units are no longer in operation (first unit planned for fall 2020 and second for fall 2021).

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored SimGenics, LLC as the best to provide these services based on solution, experience and qualifications, price, local preference, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract
<u>Term</u>	of Term	Authorization
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$100,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$100,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$100,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$100,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$100,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$500,000

Council Meeting Date: November 14, 2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with Oracle America, Inc., to provide technical cloud analytic services, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,208,000.

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

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$710,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the services required at the best value for the City.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>Agenda Office@austintexas.gov</u> or to, Jim Howard, at 512-974-2031 or <u>Jim.howard@austintexas.gov</u>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for Oracle's Analytic Insights technology product, consisting of software, software maintenance and support, services and training. The Analytic Insights tool is currently used by Austin Energy to improve and protect revenue, identify meter malfunctions, monitor meter performance, and identify and prioritize billing exceptions. Analytic Insights is able to analyze, display, and organize meter data to increase operational efficiency, improve customer engagement, and assist with the implementation of preventable maintenance strategies.

Analytic Insights is an existing product that is currently used by Austin Energy and is manufactured by Oracle America, Inc. which is the only known provider.

The State Department of Information Resources (DIR) establishes competitively bid contracts that can be

utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract
<u>Term</u>	of Term	Authorization
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 710,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 749,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 749,000
TOTAL	3 vrs.	\$2,208,000

Council Meeting Date: November 14, 2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc. D/B/A Sirius Computer Solutions, for the purchase of International Business Machines' software licenses, maintenance and support, software as a service, subscription services, and related professional services, for a term of four years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$43,000,000.

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

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$6,137,066 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the services required at the best value for the City.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov or to Sai Xoomsai Purcell, at 512-505-7601 or Sai.Xoomsai@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide continuity of services for Austin Energy's on-going International Business Machines (IBM) software portfolio projects. The services covered by the contract include software licenses, maintenance and support, software as a service (SaaS), subscription services, and related professional services. Software in the portfolio supports Austin Energy's application development platform and delivery of customer facing websites, allows for data integration and data governance in support of enterprise applications, supports enterprise work and asset management, enables software testing, and secures applications and data for the enterprise. Additionally, the contract will support the ongoing project to replace the legacy STORMS work management system that has reached end of life. The replacement of STORMS with IBM's Maximo for Utilities, aligns with the phased enterprise deployment of Maximo and allows Austin Energy to deploy a modern toolset for distribution and transmission work management, asset management, and mobility to function within a fully supported technology suite and remain on a supported contractor road map.

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