



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3400, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

11/14/2019

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](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130798)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130798>.

For More Information:

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

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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 <<mailto:Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

October 14, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Collier-Brown, Funkhouser and Hopkins absent.

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:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
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

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.