



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3067, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

10/1/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. (MBE), for the San Antonio Street Chilled Water Distribution Extension project in the amount of \$4,322,891.00 plus a \$432,289.10 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,755,180.10.

[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 78.97% MBE and 3.11% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of nine bids 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 <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Richard Duane 512-482-5435.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 14, 2020 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on vote of 10-0, with Commissioner Wray absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This project will install chilled water piping and associated equipment in the Right of Way to provide chilled water to new customers along 6th Street. In addition to building a chilled water transmission main, this project will connect a new residential and commercial development at 600 Guadalupe Street by July 2021. Chilled water service creates a long-term revenue stream, supports the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, and allows Austin Energy to shift peak electric use to non-peak hours. Austin Energy is currently working with the developers of the property at 600 Guadalupe Street. The developers require the chilled water connection by July 2021 to complete construction and ultimately occupy the building. Delay of this project would delay building construction.

This project will begin construction at the intersection of 5th Street and San Antonio Street, proceed north on San Antonio Street to 6th Street where it will turn east and connect to the new high rise at 600 Guadalupe Street. To minimize inconvenience to the driving public, the project will be 90% underground tunnel with some lane closures and limited detours.

All businesses in the area will be notified and message boards will be placed in the area two weeks prior to construction to notify the public before project start.

This item includes two allowances. The allowance of \$70,000 will be used to address unknown underground contamination and an allowance of \$100,000 will be used to address unknown underground conflict. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unknown underground obstructions, 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 300 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78703 (District 9).

Santa Clara Construction, Ltd. (MBE/MH), is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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