



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1011, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

2/4/2021

### Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with High Tech Engineering Inc., to provide underground utility locating services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,500,000.

(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 \$1,266,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 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 MEA1015REBID.2 for these services. The solicitation issued on September 28, 2020 and it closed on October 20, 2020. Of the three 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](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134823)  
<[https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=134823](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134823)>.

### 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) <<mailto:AgendaOffice@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](mailto:maria.andrade@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:maria.andrade@austintexas.gov>>.

### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 11, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner Stone off the dais and Commissioner Wray absent.

### Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide Austin Energy with equipment, material, and qualified personnel to safely and effectively provide underground utility locating services. The contractor will respond to all excavation notices

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directed to Austin Energy through the Texas One-Call Center or any other source in accordance with the current Texas Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act. Services include, but are not limited to, marking, flagging, or staking of utility lines in accordance with the current state and Austin Energy specifications. The contract will ensure that Austin Energy has the services required for the purpose of safeguarding underground and subsurface facilities from excavation damage.

This contract will replace the current contract which expires in April 2021.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yr.	\$3,800,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$1,900,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$1,900,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$1,900,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$9,500,000</b>

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

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

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