



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1159, **Agenda Item #:** 13.

3/4/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Rainey Street Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation Design (formerly Future Downtown Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation Design) in the amount of \$1,436,894.58, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,895,894.58.

[Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 30.64% MBE and 15.96% WBE.]

### **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:**

Original contract was awarded through a qualifications-based selection process.

### **Prior Council Action:**

December 7, 2017 - Council approved a professional services agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for the Future Downtown Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation Design.

### **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 direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Beverly Mendez, 512-974-3596; or the Project Manager, Tara Delagarza, 512-505-7175.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on February 8, 2021.

November 13, 2017 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Fath and Hadden absent, and with two vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

A new substation is needed at City-owned property at 806 ½ Lambie Street to serve recent Central Business

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District development and potential redevelopment along the Waller Creek area. The 35kV network circuits in the Waller Creek area are now supplied out of the Seaholm and Brackenridge substations, which are unable to support the anticipated demand and load growth. Developing this new substation is critical before the Downtown area is fully developed.

Additionally, this new substation will support load transfers necessary to complete upgrades at the Brackenridge substation as well as facilitate the conversion of some of the 69kV facilities in this area to 138kV operations.

The original solicitation intended to encompass all professional engineering phase services through post construction services. Upon execution of the original contract, it became evident that Austin Energy's estimated contract value was insufficient and additional authorization would be required. With more than 60% of the design phase complete, Austin Energy is confident in forecasting the remaining engineering scope of services required to complete the project. The amendment will allow for the completion of the design, and the forthcoming bidding, construction, and warranty phase services for the new gas insulated switchgear substation. Additionally, this amendment will allow for continued coordination with community stakeholders in conjunction with Austin Energy.

A delay in this award may negatively impact Austin Energy's ability to keep up with the demand for services in the Central Business District.

This amendment has been approved by the City's Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

Stanley Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety; Mobility; Government That Works for All