



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2352, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc., for the Rainey Street Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Substation project in the amount of \$10,891,000 plus a \$1,633,650 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$12,524,650.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 0.03% MBE and 0.06% 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 three 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, Tara Delagarza, 512-505-7175.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Trostle off the dais, Commissioners Hadden, Stone and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

A new substation is needed at City-owned property at 806 ½ Lambie Street to serve the increased Central Business District development and potential redevelopment along the Waller Creek area. The 35 kV 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 69 kV facilities in this area to 138 kV operations.

Council has previously authorized engineering and consulting services and gas insulated switchgear equipment contracts to support the new substation.

Community outreach has been performed throughout the project and will continue with the award of this contract. During construction, limited impact is anticipated as the bulk of the work will be on City property that is not open to the public.

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.

Due to the potential for associated downtown district construction and continuous rising material costs, a 15% 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 200 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78702 (District 9).

Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc. is located in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Mobility; Government That Works for All