



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2378, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Kiewit Infrastructure South Co., for Cistern Substation Cut-in and CKT 3121/3136 OPGW Addition project in the amount of \$2,797,978.00 plus a \$279,797.80 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,077,775.80. (RELATED TO ITEM 21-2333)

[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 a combined MBE/WBE goal of 5.23% 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 five 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, Ming Xu, 512-666-4277.

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:

Austin Energy is constructing a new 345 kV Cistern substation in Rosanky, TX, which connects 218 MW Big Star solar farm currently developed by the RWE Renewable America LLC to the transmission grid. Austin Energy does not own the solar farm and will not purchase any power from it. Austin Energy commits to the customer in the interconnection agreement that the substation will be energized in January 2022. This construction contract includes the labor and mobilization costs associated with 50-mile CKT 3121/3136 OPGW. Addition for improving communication capability and Cistern Substation Cut-into CKT 3121. It takes about five months to complete all transmission construction work.

Due to the potential increase in material and labor costs, 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 150 calendar days for substantial completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78953, which is outside Austin Energy's service territory.

Kiewit Infrastructure South Co. is located in Fort Worth, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Mobility; Government That Works for All