



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2133, **Agenda Item #:** 75.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Ratify multiple emergency contracts with various contractors, for goods and services related to the Coronavirus pandemic in the amount of \$14,243,964.

(Note: These contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$4,373,142 was available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$9,870,822 was available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

Prior Council Action:

May 7, 2020 - Council approved agenda item 19 which ratified multiple contracts including a contract with Capitol Medical Services, LLC for \$299,993.

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>> or to Shawn Willett, at 512-974-2021 or Shawn.Willett@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Shawn.Willett@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 21, 2021 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioner Reed off the dais and Commissioners Funkhouser, Trostle and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler to allow the City to take measures to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) across the city and county. On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster that allowed for additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Stay Home - Work Safe Order was issued March 24, 2020 and extended multiple times to establish social distancing guidelines. To provide for goods and services

urgently needed to respond to this emergency, multiple contracts were executed.

The requested authorization is for contracts that exceeded the City Manager's authority that were executed under the disaster declaration including the following:

Capitol Medical Services, LLC - \$3,565,605; additional temperature screening and COVID-19 testing services for Austin Energy

Deep South Communications L.L.C. - \$1,800,000; multiplexing equipment to increase Austin Energy's bandwidth capabilities as a result of employees teleworking

Equinix, Inc. - \$493,644; to establish cloud interconnection services with Equinix on an accelerated timeline in order to provide stable, reliable connections between cloud providers during the COVID-19 pandemic. This service removed uncertainty around connectivity to Austin Energy's primary cloud providers used for internal (Microsoft, etc.) and customer facing services (customer billing system, etc.).

Intoollect LLC - \$884,715; additional data processing services, software maintenance and support, and consulting services to aid in the monitoring of Billing Services Management staff productivity due to employees teleworking

Logix Holding Company LLC, d/b/a Logix Fiber Networks - \$1,500,000; to establish connectivity to Equinix (connection point to cloud providers) from Austin Energy data centers during the COVID-19 pandemic. This service provides a dedicated connection for utility traffic, improves reliability, and provides for redundancy in disaster recovery situations.

Sirius Computer Solutions Inc. - \$6,000,000; to mitigate security risks associated with remote work, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin Energy needed to make critical infrastructure improvements on an accelerated timeline.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Government That Works for All.