



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-3532, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

12/9/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., for engineering services for the Austin Community College Chiller Plant in the amount of \$80,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,478,094.24.

[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 35.34% MBE and 30.97% WBE.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **Managing Department**

Austin Energy

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

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

### **Prior Council Action:**

August 22, 2019 - Council approved an amendment to the professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group for Engineering Services for the Austin Community College Chiller Plant.

June 8, 2017 - Council approved a professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group for Engineering Services for the Austin Community College Chiller Plant.

### **For More Information:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261, or the Project Manager, James Matlock, 512-322-6273.

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

November 8, 2021 - Recommended by the Electrical Utility Commission on a vote of 8-0, with Chair Hopkins absent and two vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Energy's District Cooling Program is comprised of four plants - two plants working together serving Downtown Austin, one at Mueller, and one at The Domain. Chilled water is distributed from the plants to buildings via a network of underground pipes for customers' cooling needs. Benefits for customers include reduced capital costs, more usable building space, extraordinary reliability, and ease of use.

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The City entered into an Interlocal Agreement in 2017 with Austin Community College (ACC) to provide chilled water services to the ACC Highland Campus located at 6101 Airport Boulevard. A formal Request for Qualifications process resulted in the selection of Jacobs Engineering Group to provide professional engineering services for design of a chilled water plant including chillers, thermal energy storage tank, cooling towers, chemical storage and associated infrastructure and appurtenances.

Delays have occurred on the project due to COVID-19, late delivery of electrical equipment, lack of permanent power in the plant (associated with the winter storm), and contractor availability. These delays have resulted in increased engineering charges for additional meetings with contractors and/or owner, responses to request for information, and general project management construction administration.

All work will be conducted on site at the ACC Chiller Plant and will have no impact to the public. Any delay in Council approval of this item will hinder the delivery of chilled water to ACC campus at Highland Mall.

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

Jacobs Engineering Group is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Culture and Lifelong Learning, Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Health and Environment.