



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1314, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

4/7/2022

Posting Language

Ratify a contract with Trane U.S. Inc. to provide and install a replacement absorption chiller, in the amount of \$1,500,000.

(Note: This contract is 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

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract was authorized for a replacement absorption chiller at Austin Energy's Mueller Energy Center (MEC). MEC provides chilled water to a University of Texas medical research lab, the headquarters for an insurance company, Dell Children's Hospital, and Austin Energy. MEC also provides steam and electricity to the children's hospital.

The existing absorption chiller was damaged during Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, and repairs would have cost more than the 15-year-old unit's value. The loss of this unit caused increased electrical costs and reduced system capacity and posed risks to the reliability of the chilled water system. Insurance will cover a portion of the replacement cost.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.