



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-3058, Agenda Item #: 11.**

10/13/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with SUBNET Solutions Inc. for software, professional services, training, and enhancements to the current suite of solutions to advance grid modernization, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$3,870,000.

(Note: Sole source 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**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$109,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Sole Source.

### **For More Information:**

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

September 12, 2022 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote with two vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will enable improvements to meet Austin Energy Control Engineering Strategic Roadmap initiatives. SUBNET systems allow intelligent electronic devices (IED) on the Austin Energy power grid to communicate any data to the Austin Energy business systems (including Advanced Distribution Management System, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, Energy Management System, PI Data Historian, Asset Management) over any mix of communication, high bandwidth, fiber, cellular, and other channels.

SUBNET module expansion will support all integration projects including transmission grid operations and will control Austin Energy relays and substations. It also accommodates any gateways to the Austin Energy control center to enable grid monitoring diagnostics and power quality event analysis.

SUBNET Solutions Inc. is the only software manufacturer capable of providing Austin Energy with multi-vendor grid modernization integration solutions and associated services.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Government that Works for All.