



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-3374, Agenda Item #: 22.**

11/15/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Trane U.S. Inc., or the other qualified offeror to Request for Proposals 1100 JMF3016, to provide preventative and corrective maintenance, overhauls, inspections, repairs, modifications, upgrades, parts, testing, and rental of chillers, for a term of six years in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

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

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$381,945 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:**

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 JMF3016 for these services. The solicitation was issued on February 14, 2022, and it closed on March 22, 2022. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated, responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135666)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=135666](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135666)>.

### **For More Information:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Julia Finn, at 512-974-2835 or [Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov](mailto:Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov)  
<<mailto:Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov>> or Melita Harden, at 512-322-6149 or [Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov](mailto:Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov)  
<<mailto:Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov>>.

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

October 17, 2022 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Hadden absent and two vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide specialized maintenance and repair services for the chillers located at Sand Hill

Energy Center. Services include preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance, overhauls, inspections, repairs, modifications, upgrades, parts, testing, and rental of chillers.

The chillers cool the inlet air for the gas turbines to allow generators to reach their rated capacity on hot summer days. Without chilled air during the summer peak, the capacity of each generator is reduced.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Trane U.S. Inc. as the best to provide these services based on program, demonstrated applicable experience, price, local preference, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

Trane U.S. Inc. is one of the current providers of services for the chillers at Sand Hill Energy Center.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected, authorizing new contract negotiations.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.