

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of six contracts with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc., Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc., Stuart C Irby Company d/b/a Stuart C Irby Co, Techline Inc., Texas Electric Cooperatives, Wesco Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Hi-Line Utility Supply Co, LLC a/k/a Power Supply for critical electric utility supplies, each for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$125,000,000, divided among the contractors.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods 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 \$18,750,000 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:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Qualification Statements (RFQS) 1100 EAL4001 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on July 18, 2022 and closed on August 16, 2022. Of the six offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the best evaluated responsive offers. 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](#).

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-974-2866 or Liz.Lock@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide electric utility supplies to be used by Austin Energy work crews for utility maintenance, construction, and power restoration as well as stock goods for the warehouses. These supplies are considered critical to the operation of the Austin Energy distribution electrical service system with some items requiring same day delivery in times of emergency. Items purchased through these contracts include single-phase transformers, power cable, copper wire, pole-line hardware, and fuses. The recommended contractors are the current providers for these goods.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored KBS Electrical Distributors Inc., Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc., Stuart C Irby Company d/b/a Stuart C Irby Co, Techline Inc., Texas Electric Cooperatives, Wesco Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Hi-Line Utility Supply Co, LLC a/k/a Power Supply as the best to provide these services based on company experience, solution, and facility.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with CDW LLC d/b/a CDW Government, to provide products and maintenance services for Recorded Future software for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$840,000.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Programs). For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were insufficient or 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 \$232,007 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:

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods and services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to Chu Hull, at 512-978-1919 or Chu.Hull@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 09, 2023– To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract is to provide Recorded Future software products and services for Austin Energy. Recorded Future is a cybersecurity company that specializes in the analysis of data to deliver relevant cyber threat intelligence.

Austin Energy requires threat intelligence systems to improve Austin Energy's cybersecurity posture against malicious threats to reduce the impact of system compromise by blocking communication with malicious entities.

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging Texas's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 280,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 280,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 280,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$ 840,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for upgrades to the control system on Unit 5 at Sand Hill Energy Center with General Electric International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.

[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 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Austin Energy is designating this purchase as a Critical Business Need in accordance with Senate Bill 7, as adopted by the City as Resolution No. 040610-02.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to Julia Finn, at 512-974-2835 or Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide upgrades to the General Electric Mark VI control system on Unit 5, which is the 300-megawatt combined-cycle unit at Sand Hill Energy Center. The Mark VI system monitors turbine and generator parameters required for unit operation. The current control system is near end of life, and some components being replaced are over 15 years old. The upgraded system will ensure ongoing safe and reliable operation of the unit and improve cyber-security by ensuring the latest versions of firmware and software may be used.

The contractor provided the existing system, preventative maintenance, and required repairs. Austin Energy considered other control system platforms and determined the risk of migrating to a different system was too high, as it would involve a complete redesign of the system at a higher cost.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract for continued supply of high voltage circuit breakers with Siemens Energy Inc., to increase the amount by \$3,400,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$9,655,500.

[Note: This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.) For the goods 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 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

November 29, 2018 – Council approved the original contract, item 31, on an 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair was absent.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to DeJuan Brown, at 512-974-2670 or DeJuan.Brown@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The proposed amendment will provide Austin Energy additional funding for continued supply of high voltage circuit breakers to support operations and capital improvement program projects.

Circuit breakers protect high voltage transmission lines and substation equipment by removing the current from the circuit when an unsafe condition arises. The circuit breakers are essential to maintain the safety and reliability of the electrical system at Austin Energy substations.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Current Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Requested Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Revised Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$1,251,100		\$1,251,100
Extension Option 1	1 yr.	\$1,251,100		\$1,251,100
Extension Option 2	1 yr.	\$1,251,100		\$1,251,100
Extension Option 3	1 yr.	\$2,502,200		\$2,502,200
Proposed Amendment			\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$6,255,500	\$3,400,000	\$9,655,500

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract to provide sulfuric acid with Shrieve Chemical Company, LLC, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.

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

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$56,250 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 an Invitation for Bids (IFB) CSZ1011 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on August 22, 2022 and closed on September 20, 2022. Of the two offers received; the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-974-2866 or liz.lock@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide 93% sulfuric acid for Sand Hill Energy Center. Sulfuric acid is used to specify the acidity or basicity for the plant's cooling towers.

The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract to provide transformer recycling, used oil recycling, polychlorinated biphenyl management and transformer refurbishment services with Florida Transformer LLC d/b/a Emerald Transformer, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

[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 goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient 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 \$400,000 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:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 MMH3021 for these services. The solicitation was issued on July 25, 2022 and closed on August 18, 2022. Of the five 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](#).

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Melita Harden, at 512-974-2838 or Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide four critical services to Austin Energy operations. These services will include transformer recycling, used oil recycling, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) management, and transformer refurbishments.

The transformer and used oil recycling services will generate revenue for Austin Energy based on the market value of scrap metals and used oil. Electrical equipment contaminated with PCBs are subject to various federal and state regulatory requirements for which a trusted partner with specialized expertise and certifications is required. Transformer refurbishment services will allow Austin Energy to partially alleviate ongoing supply chain pressures in the procurement of new transformers by selectively repairing those units that meet functional criteria as defined by Austin Energy engineering personnel. Refurbished transformers are much more cost effective than new units in current market conditions and can be turned around in a matter of weeks, where new transformer purchases can have lead times of several months.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Florida Transformer LLC d/b/a Emerald Transformer as the best to provide these services based on concept and solution, proposer

experience, project management structure, price, local preference, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract to provide grounds maintenance and landscaping services with Incircle Management Inc. d/b/a Incircle Management, for a term of four years in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.

[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 goods and 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 \$255,000 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:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 MMH1013 for these services. The solicitation was issued on August 15, 2022 and closed on September 22, 2022. Of the six offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Melita Harden, at 512-974-2838 or Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide grounds maintenance and landscaping services for Austin Energy's substations, vacant lots, and power plants. Services include commercial mowing, trimming, edging, and irrigation inspection and repair to ensure appropriate lawn care management and code compliance

The scope of work was reviewed by staff in accordance with the Contact Labor Resolution to determine if outsourcing or hiring of staff would best meet the department's needs and comply with the Resolution. Given the need of these services being seasonal, staff determined that outsourcing the services to a contractor would be cost beneficial and meet department needs.

The recommended contractor is not the current provider for these services.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize execution of three contracts to provide scaffolding services with Brand Industrial Services, Inc. d/b/a BrandSafeway LLC, Hi-Tech Industrial Services LLC, and Travis Industries LLC, each for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, divided among the contractors.

[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 \$266,667 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 an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 PMC1003 for these services. The solicitation was issued on August 8, 2022 and closed on September 8, 2022. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Perla Colón at 512-974-2867 or perla.colon@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide labor, material, and expertise for the erection of scaffolding to facilitate maintenance activities for power generation plants, cooling plants and other similar power facilities. Scaffolding is used on an as-needed basis to securely access equipment for maintenance and repairs. Much of the equipment at these plants have components that are several stories above ground and can only be safely accessed with scaffolding.

Multiple contractors will ensure timely response, particularly when there are simultaneous needs for these services at different locations.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for ServiceNow products, services, and software including maintenance and support for Austin Energy, with Fujitsu America Inc. for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.

[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 insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, the recommended contractor identified subcontracting opportunities].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,600,000 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:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 JMF3018 for these services. The solicitation was issued on June 17, 2022 and closed on July 19, 2022. Of the five 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](#).

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 or Michelle Rocha, at 512-974-2261 or Michelle.Rocha@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide ServiceNow subscriptions, products, and services including maintenance and support for Austin Energy. This contract will also facilitate the upgrade, renewal, and consolidation of Austin Energy's ServiceNow software portfolio including related maintenance, support services, and the purchase of new technology products on an as-needed basis.

ServiceNow software allows Austin Energy to automate and manage enterprise information technology (IT) operations and provide a forms-based workflow to create a single system of record for all IT processes. This system allows Austin Energy to bring together strategy, design, and operations on a simple cloud platform. The platform also allows Austin Energy business experts to automate repetitive processes through workflow application development.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Fujitsu America Inc. as the best to provide these services based on methodology, documented experience, value added services, manufacturer relationship, price, local preference, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract to provide continued electric vehicle plug-in charging station software and support services with ChargePoint, Inc., to increase the amount by \$380,000 and to extend the term by six months, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,329,000.

[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 \$380,000 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:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

December 15, 2016 – Council approved the original contract, item 44 on a 10-1, vote with Council Member Zimmerman voting nay.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to Diana McIntosh, at 512-974-2034 or Diana.McIntosh@austintexas.gov.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The proposed amendment will provide additional time and funding for electric vehicle plug-in charging station software and support services for the 1,400 ChargePoint-compatible charging stations throughout the Austin Energy service area. ChargePoint's platform integrates with station hardware from multiple manufacturers to connect stations over an integrated network, providing real-time information on station usage and enabling connection and registration of charging stations, data collection and reporting-reliability support, and driver access for payment processing and subscription.

The proposed amendment will allow for the time and funding needed until a new contract can be established.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Current Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Requested Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Revised Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 470,000		\$ 470,000
Extension Option 1	1 yr.	\$ 140,000		\$ 140,000
Extension Option 2	1 yr.	\$ 201,000		\$ 201,000
Contract Amendment	11 mos.	\$ 66,000		\$ 66,000
Contract Amendment	2 mos.	\$ 72,000		\$ 72,000
Proposed Amendment	6 mos.		\$380,000	\$ 380,000
TOTAL	5 yrs., 7 mos. \$1,329,000		\$ 949,000	\$380,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-9 (Utility Service Regulations) to allow installation of approved socket-mounted transfer switch devices between the City's meter and customer-owned service terminal to allow customer equipment that provides back-up power to connect to a customer's electric service terminal.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Lisa Martin, Vice President, Electric Systems Engineering & Technology Services (512) 322-6457; Amy Everhart, Director, Local Government Affairs (512) 322-6087.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 9, 2023- To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This proposed amendment to Austin City Code Chapter 15-9, Utility Service Regulations, will allow customers to have backup generation more easily and affordably in outage emergencies.

Transfer switches are currently allowed when installed outside the main service. The "socket-mounted transfer switch device" may allow residential customers an additional resiliency option to connect to a manufacturer approved backup generation source during a prolonged power outage emergency.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

SUBJECT:

Authorize award of a contract with Techline Inc to provide decorative lights, luminaries, and lamp poles, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

LEAD DEPARTMENT: Financial Services Department

CLIENT DEPARTMENT: Austin Energy

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding in the amount of \$320,000 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:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DNJ1026 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on July 4, 2022 and it closed on August 2, 2022. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-974-2866 or liz.lock@austintexas.gov

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:

January 9, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION (RCA BODY)

The contract will provide decorative lights, luminaries, and lamp poles to be used throughout the Austin Energy service area. The materials will replenish stock at Austin Energy's St. Elmo warehouse for issuance to street lighting crews. The contract will ensure that Austin Energy has the critical parts required to enable timely repairs, maintenance, and be utilized for new projects.

Strategic Outcome: Government That Works for All

SUBJECT:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. to provide communications equipment and related technical support, for up to four years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$550,000.

MBE/WBE:

This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

LEAD DEPARTMENT: Financial Services Department

CLIENT DEPARTMENT: Austin Energy

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding in the amount of \$118,299 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:

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods and/or services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Inquiries should be directed to Paula Barriffe, at 512-974-2832 or Paula.Barriffe@austintexas.gov

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:

January 9, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission

ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION (RCA BODY)

The contract will provide communications equipment to support Austin Energy's Volt Var Optimization program, which works to reduce the amount of energy needed to serve customers (energy conservation) without changing the quality of service. This contract will provide cellular radios to replace existing advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) mesh radios and increase the reliability of communications for data acquisition and control signals. .

The radios provide Austin Energy operations visibility and situational awareness by bringing information into the Advanced Distribution Management System. This increased visibility allows operators to monitor system health and analyze readings for abnormalities to make faster, more informed decisions. The radios allow controls to be sent remotely reducing the number of truck roll outs needed to operate field devices.

This procurement will be through the Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative, which establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Strategic Outcome(s): Safety and Government that Works for All