

**COUNCIL DATE: April 13, 2023**

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a Design-Build Agreement with Jingoli Power, LLC for design and construction services for the Brackenridge Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation - Reissue in an amount not to exceed \$33,949,201.00. (District 9)

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 1.13% African American, 5.59% Hispanic, 0.89% Asian/Native American, MBE and 3.51% WBE participation.]

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 20223-2023 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

Best Value to the City of Austin of three offers received.

**Prior Council Action:**

December 5, 2019 – City Council approved a resolution using the design-build method of contracting for the rebuilding of the Brackenridge GIS Substation.

**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov).

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Shawn Willett, 512-974-2021, Beverly Mendez, 512-974-7179, or the Project Manager, Brandy Teague, 512-482-5415.

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

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on March 20, 2023.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The project is to upgrade and reconstruct the aging Brackenridge Substation as a gas insulated switchgear (GIS) substation. GIS technology allows for a compact, high voltage substation that can be upgraded in its current footprint without acquisition of prime downtown land. The reconstruction will accommodate three new network transformers to replace existing 1970’s era equipment.

The project is a key component, in addition to the newly constructed Rainey Street GIS

substation, of the “Repowering Downtown” initiative, which consists of a series of projects to increase electric grid capacity, resiliency, and reliability to meet the rapidly growing needs of our customers. The pace of downtown development is close to exceeding the electrical facility requirements needed for the near- and long-term future. Downtown Austin will be at an increased risk of recurring power outages if electric capacity is not increased and electrical equipment is not upgraded.

The Design-Build contract is recommended for award to the Design-Builder providing the best value to the City, as established through a qualifications-based selection process. A design-build solicitation is a two-step process consisting of Request for Qualifications and Request for Additional Information. A diverse City-staffed Evaluation Panel comprised of technical experts reviewed, scored, and shortlisted Design-Builder firms. The result of which was the selection of the highest-ranked firm. Council’s authorization is requested to negotiate and execute an agreement with the highest ranked firm to begin design phase services. MBE/WBE goals are initially established for the design phase services only. When Design is sufficiently complete and prior to Construction Phase, MBE/WBE goals are established based on identified construction trades.

Austin Energy began community outreach in 2016 with the “Repowering Downtown” initiative and will continue to perform public and community engagement for this project. Since the majority of the work will occur on City property that is surrounded by concrete walls, limited public impact is anticipated during construction.

A delay in this award may negatively impact Austin Energy’s ability to keep up with the increasing demand for services in the rapidly growing Central Business District.

The contract sets a Substantial Completion date of December 31, 2026. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9). The project will be managed by Austin Energy.

Jingoli Power, LLC is located in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

**Strategic Outcome(s)**

Government That Works for All

**Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a contract for fault indicators and fiber optic leads with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$4,950,000.

[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 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 \$495,000 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 EAL1010 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on December 12, 2022, and closed on January 10, 2023. 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](#).

**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](mailto:liz.lock@austintexas.gov).

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

March 20, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide fault indicators and fiber optic leads. The goods are used in the electric power distribution network to detect faults in the system and reduce outage time. The materials will replenish stock at Austin Energy's warehouses. The contract will ensure that Austin Energy has the critical parts required for both system maintenance and for new projects.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.

**SUBJECT:**

Authorize execution of a contract for polyurethane foam backfill and conductive polyurethane foam backfill, with Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc. for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$575,000.

**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 \$57,500 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 CSZ1010 for these goods. The solicitation issued on September 5, 2022 and it closed on October 11, 2022. Of the three 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](#)

**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](mailto:Liz.Lock@austintexas.gov)

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION**

March 20, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION (RCA BODY)**

The contract will provide polyurethane foam backfill and conductive polyurethane foam backfill for Austin Energy. When a utility pole is installed, the foam is used to properly set the pole and provide stabilization. The contract will replenish stock at the Kramer Lane and St. Elmo Service Center warehouses for issuance to utility crews on an as-needed basis.

Strategic Outcome: Government That Works for All

**Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to a contract for continued maintenance, repairs and inspections on Bronto Skylift vehicles with TGM Wind Services, LLC d/b/a Kardie Equipment, to increase the amount by \$1,500,000 and to extend the term by five years for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,395,000.

[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 \$73,453 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:**

October 15, 2020 – Council approved the initial contract, item 34, with a vote of 11-0.

**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to Melita Harden, at 512-974-2838 or [Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov](mailto:Melita.Harden@austintexas.gov).

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is for maintenance, repairs and inspections on Bronto Skylift vehicles. Bronto Skylift vehicles, also known as aerial work platforms or bucket trucks, are used by Austin Energy to maintain transmission tower network reliability.

This proposed amendment will provide coverage for the life of Austin Energy’s Bronto Skylift fleet, which includes two existing vehicles and one new 200-foot unit that is on order and scheduled for delivery later this year. The useful life of this vehicle is eight years.

The contractor is the exclusive provider of Bronto Skylift, and no other entity is authorized to service these vehicles in the Texas area. This amendment will ensure that all three of the Bronto units in the Austin Energy fleet are maintained for the entirety of their useful life by authorized personnel.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary to acquire an easement for chilled water facilities across Lot 1, Block B, Mueller Section III Subdivision, a subdivision of Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded under Document No. 200500279 of the Official Records of Travis County, Texas, located at 1401 Philomena Street, Austin, Texas, from Philomena Street Investor, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$230,000.

**Lead Department**

Austin Energy

**Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

**Prior Council Action:**

**For More Information:**

Pat Sweeney, Power Production Vice President, 512-322-6292; Andy Perny, Division Chief, 512-974-2447

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

March 20, 2023- To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.

**Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for broker services for Austin Energy with Alliant Insurance Services Inc. d/b/a Alliant Insurance Services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000,000.

[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 no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

**Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

**Client Department(s)**

Human Resources Department.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$4,190,068 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)5800 BY3025 for these services. The solicitation was issued on November 14, 2022, and closed on December 20, 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: Brenita Wilkison, at 512-974-3164 or [brenita.selement@austintexas.gov](mailto:brenita.selement@austintexas.gov).

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

March 20, 2023 -To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is for the establishment of a broker of record for the placement of Austin Energy (AE) insurance policies and professional risk management services. The scope of work provides various risk management services including but not limited to: loss control and prevention inspection, property valuations, construction plan review services, risk modeling and forecasting including natural hazard catastrophe and mechanical breakdown modeling (Maximum Foreseeable Loss and Probable Maximum Loss), and benchmarking analyses.

The advantage of this contract is to consolidate the services with one broker which enhances AE's risk profile and marketability within the insurance industry. It also increases the efficiencies in the procurement process. The compensation for the proposed contract is a flat annual administration fee plus insurance premiums which is recognized as the appropriate means of compensating an insurance broker for insurance policy placement and supporting services.

This replaces three separate insurance and risk management contracts for property (expiring September 30, 2025), excess liability (expiring December 31, 2023), and cyber insurance coverages (expiring April 12, 2023). The requested authorization amount is based on historical spend and departmental estimates of future needs. The recommended contractor is not the current provider for these services.

If a contract is not secured, AE will have an interruption in property, liability, and cyber insurance coverage. The contract also provides additional risk management professional services that will support AE's strategic goals, and the consolidated contract provides cost savings.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$29,032,860
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$12,196,798
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$13,770,342
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$55,000,000</b>

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

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.