

Posting Language

Authorize reimbursement of costs to DW CAL 308 Guadalupe, LLC., for the service pipe connection to interconnect the Republic Office Building to the Austin Energy (AE) downtown District Cooling System in an amount not to exceed \$1,412,870.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Prior Council Action:**For More Information:**

Amy Everhart, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Pat Sweeney, Vice President, Power Production, (512) 322-6292; James Kassim, Director, District Energy and Cooling, (512) 322-6424.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on May 8, 2023.

Additional Backup Information:

AE operates several district cooling systems providing chilled water to customer buildings through a network of underground pipes. These systems serve multiple large buildings within a particular service area including Downtown Austin, the Domain, the Mueller Redevelopment Zone, and Austin Community College Highland Campus.

A district cooling plant distributes chilled water to the customer's building through a set of heat exchangers located in the building's mechanical room. A single district cooling plant can meet the cooling needs of many buildings. For example, the Downtown District Cooling System currently serves forty-seven customers, including City Hall, the main library, Austin Convention Center, Whole Foods, Ballet Austin, hotels, residential buildings, and office towers.

Additionally, by using thermal energy storage, AE shifts electric load from peak times (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) to off-peak times, helping AE meet council's thermal energy storage goal of 40MW by 2030. Adding chilled water customers increases the load to AE's District Cooling System and thereby increases the amount of potential electrical demand shifted from on-peak to off-peak hours. This project will connect the Republic Office Building at the corner of Guadalupe and 3rd Street – NW Corner of 3rd Street.

The piping will provide chilled water service to the existing mechanical room as specified in a Chilled Water Services Agreement between AE and DW CAL 308 Guadalupe, LLC. AE recovers the cost for reimbursable items through the chilled water rate specified in the agreement.

This project is located in zip code 78701 and Council District 9. AE will manage the project.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract to provide pole climbing equipment with Techline Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

[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 \$100,000 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 DCM1057 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on January 30, 2023, and closed on February 28, 2023. Of the five 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:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 8, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for new and replacement pole climbing equipment. The equipment is used to safely climb poles when they are not bucket-accessible or when property damage could be caused by operating a bucket on personal property. The contract will ensure that Austin Energy has the necessary equipment required for the continued safety of their employees.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 600,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 300,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 300,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 300,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$1,500,000

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

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for underground utility locating services with Line Quest, LLC, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,500,000.

[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 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 \$898,333 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 DCM3010REBID for these services. The solicitation was issued on November 1, 2022, and closed on November 29, 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:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 8, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electrical Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide underground utility locating and marking services throughout the Austin Energy service area. Austin Energy receives excavation notices through the Texas One-Call Center and will utilize this contract to mark, flag, or stake utility lines. This contract will ensure that Austin Energy has the services required to safeguard underground and subsurface facilities from excavation damage.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Line Quest LLC as the best evaluated contractor to provide these services based on demonstrated applicable experience, background and qualifications, organization, functionality and performance, training, program and safety, pricing, local business presence, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

Contract Detail:

**Contract
Term**

**Length
of Term**

**Contract
Authorization**

Initial Term	1 yr.	\$3,166,666
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$3,166,667
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$3,166,667
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$9,500,000

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

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for network transformers with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,000,000.

[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 \$4,666,667 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 a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 MEA3006 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on November 28, 2022, and closed on January 5, 2023. Of the four 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:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 8, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide Austin Energy with network transformers on an as-needed basis. Network transformers are used to supply power to grid-type secondary or network distribution systems in areas of high load density. The systems are backed up, so that in the event of a failure, customers will not experience disruption of service.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored KBS Electrical Distributors Inc. as the best to provide these services based on price, service-disabled veteran business enterprise, local preference, company experience and personnel, concept and solution, and facility.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$14,000,000

Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$14,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$14,000,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$14,000,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$14,000,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$70,000,000

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

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of four contracts for vegetation management around energized lines with ABC Professional Tree Services, BDG Trees, LLC, Pannell Contracting, LLC, and Sequoias Tree Expert LLC, each for up to three years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$15,000,000, divided among the contractors.

[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:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 8, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide vegetation management around energized lines. This highly specialized work requires adherence to strict safety protocols and is critical to ensuring the public's safety, reducing wildfire risk, and protecting Austin Energy's infrastructure and ability to serve customers. Services include tree pruning and/or removal and suppression of various types of vegetation growing within Austin Energy's electrical facilities, utility easements, and rights-of-way.

These contracts will augment existing contractors currently under contract, who are experiencing labor shortages recruiting qualified line clearance tree trimmers. The current lack of crews is creating project delays that will prevent Austin Energy from meeting completion deadlines for vegetation management wildfire mitigation along Austin Energy's infrastructure corridors.

Austin Energy designated this procurement as a Critical Business Need due to the shortage of labor currently available to complete the required work. Staff vetted a short list of contractors for their expertise in this specialized field to determine the best value to the City.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 5,000,000

Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 5,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 5,000,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$15,000,000

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

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of three contracts for overhead distribution electrical services with Linetec Services, LLC, Pike Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Pike Electric LLC, and Renegade Group, LLC, each for up to three years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$36,000,000, divided among the contractors.

[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:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or (512-974-2500).

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 8, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts are for overhead distribution electrical services for Austin Energy. They provide ready access to contract labor and equipment for service extensions, the removal and replacement of utility poles, and distribution line relocations. These contracts will also support emergency response efforts to mitigate delays in reliability restoration.

These three contracts will augment the two existing contractors currently under contract for these services who are experiencing labor shortages recruiting qualified line workers.

Austin Energy designated this procurement as a Critical Business Need due to the shortage of labor currently available to complete the required work. Staff vetted a short list of contractors for their expertise in this specialized field to determine the best value to the City.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$12,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$12,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$12,000,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$36,000,000

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

CONTRACTOR: BARRIER FENCE LLC; TONY PARENT ENTERPRISES, INC D/B/A ALLIED FENCE & SECURITY; and WOOLERY CUSTOM FENCE CO

SUBJECT:

Authorize negotiation and execution of contracts with Barrier Fence, LLC; Tony Parent Enterprises, Inc. D/B/A Allied Fence & Security; and Woolery Custom Fence Co to provide high security fencing for one year, in the amount of \$7,000,000.

MBE/WBE:

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 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 \$2,300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

PURCHASING:

Exemption

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries should be directed to Sandy Brandt, at 512-974-2870 or Sandy.Brandt@austintexas.gov

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION

May 8, 2023 – to be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission

ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION (RCA BODY)

The contracts are for the installation of high security, no cut fencing at various Austin Energy properties. A recent uptick in vandalism at Austin Energy substations and service centers, including trespassing, damages to fencing, and theft has created an urgent need for fencing to protect Austin Energy assets at its sites.

Council recently ratified two contracts for fencing at the East Yager Lane Laydown Yard and St. Elmo Service Center. These recent, unforeseen projects prompted Austin Energy to review security needs at all its locations and identify additional sites requiring fencing in the next 12-month period. Due to Austin Energy's extensive needs, the citywide fencing contract could not accommodate these projects. These short-term contracts will allow Austin Energy to protect its most high risk sites while a formal competition is conducted for longer-term fencing contracts.

City staff selected Allied Fence & Security due to their favorable pricing on the citywide fencing contract, which resulted from a formal competitive process. City staff selected Barrier Fence LLC and Woolery Custom Fence Co due to favorable pricing received for the two recent Austin Energy fencing projects.

Strategic Outcomes: Government That Works For All, Safety.

Posting Language

Ratify additional funding for utility advanced meter infrastructure services with Landis+Gyr Technology Inc., in the amount of \$2,000,000, authorize an amendment for continued services in the amount of \$12,800,000, and extend the term by one year for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$69,977,434.

[Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification, Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

August 8, 2013 – Council approved the original contract, item 27 on a vote of 7-0.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract provides advanced metering infrastructure services. Austin Energy (AE) relies on these services to provide daily meter read data for use in billing residential and commercial customers for electricity consumption. These services are also utilized to gather meter diagnostic data, which is the basis for several AE customer service driven programs, including outage and restoration management support, remote service connection and disconnection, real time and historical meter read data, theft and diversion protection, and identification of meters for meter maintenance.

The ratification is to cover advanced metering infrastructure services provided to AE during the months of March, April, and May 2023. Invoices for the services provided through this 10-year contract are fluid from month to month as AE pays “per meter” for services rather than a flat monthly fee; growth in the City of Austin escalated contract spend beyond the previously approved Council authority. Although full funding is available in its existing budget, AE discovered a shortfall of council authority on the existing contract to cover its expenses until after services were already provided. To avoid this issue in the future, AE has increased its monitoring of this contract.

Additional time and funding are needed for AE to review and revise (if needed) the scope of these services before finalization of a new agreement for these services. Without this contract, AE would be required to manually gather basic meter read data (physical examination of meters and their electrical usage).

Landis+Gyr Technology Inc is the sole provider of these services, which are embedded throughout approximately 545,000 smart meters in the Austin Energy service territory.

Contract Detail:

Contract <u>Term</u>	Length <u>of Term</u>	Current Contract <u>Authorization</u>	Requested Additional <u>Authorization</u>	Revised Total <u>Authorization</u>
Initial Term	10 yrs.	\$55,177,434		\$55,177,434
Ratification			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Proposed Amendment	1 yr.		\$12,800,000	\$12,800,000
TOTAL	11 yrs.	\$55,177,434	\$14,800,000	\$69,977,434

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