



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1767, Agenda Item #: 17.

6/1/2023

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for high security fencing with Woolery Custom Fence Co., in the amount of \$1,432,965.

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

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

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](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

The contract provided installation of high security fencing at Austin Energy's (AE's) St. Elmo Service Center in South Austin. A recent uptick in thefts, burglaries, and vandalism at AE substations and service centers has created an urgent need for fencing to protect AE assets at this site.

Due to insufficient expenditure authorization for such a large and unanticipated project being available on the citywide fencing contract and the urgency of the need at St. Elmo Service Center, a contract for the work was expedited and the work was performed, and the contract is now being brought to Council at the earliest time for ratification. The need for additional security at the St. Elmo site was not known at the time of AE's recent emergency fencing need at its Yager Lane property, which Council approved in October.

AE declared a Critical Business Need to contract with a provider who could install fencing within the required timeline. Pricing from two other contractors, including the current citywide contract, was reviewed to confirm price reasonableness. This contractor provided the lowest price and is a City-certified Woman-Owned Business and State of Texas-certified Historically Underutilized Business.

A future request for authorization will be made for additional high security fencing at other AE sites.