



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1923, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

6/1/2023

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](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138051)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138051>.

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 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote with three absences and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide underground utility locating and marking services throughout the Austin Energy (AE) service area. AE 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 AE 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:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
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.