



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2013, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

6/8/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of three contracts for high security fencing with Barrier Fence, LLC, Tony Parent Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Allied Fence & Security, and Woolery Custom Fence Co, in the amount of \$7,000,000, divided among the contractors.

[Note: This procurement 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(s)**

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. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Emergency.

### **For More Information:**

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

### **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:**

These contracts are for the installation of high security, no cut fencing at various Austin Energy (AE) properties. A recent uptick in vandalism at AE substations and service centers, including trespassing, damages to fencing, and theft, has created an urgent need for fencing to protect AE 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 AE to review security needs at all its locations and identify additional sites requiring fencing in the next year period. These short-term contracts will allow AE to protect its most high-risk sites while a formal competitive process is conducted for longer-term fencing

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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 [Historically Under-Utilized Business (HUB)-certified small business], and Woolery Custom Fence Co. (City-certified woman-owned business and HUB-certified small business) due to favorable pricing received for the two recent AE fencing projects.