



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2236, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

7/20/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for substation communication hardware, software maintenance, installation, and training services with Grid Solutions (US) LLC, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D (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 \$140,000 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:**

Sole Source.

### **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.

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

June 12, 2023 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide access for necessary hardware and software maintenance and support of Austin Energy's substation communication system, JunglePax, which is used for protecting relaying communications and the System Control and Data Acquisition network. JunglePax is an infrastructure system that facilitates critical communications between substations for the electrical transmission grid and allows 24/7/365 monitoring of the network, alarm recording, circuit configuration, and equipment configuration storage. It serves as a main repository for alarm history and configuration to keep Austin Energy compliant with North American Electric Reliability Corporation Critical Infrastructure Protection standards.

Grid Solutions (US) LLC is the sole provider of JunglePAX hardware, software, and services.