

Posting Language

Approve the acceptance of a Clean Energy Innovation Fellowship position hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Technology to support equity research and development of key equity performance measures for energy efficiency programs at Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Amy Everhart, Local Government Issues Director, 512-322-6087; Sara Norris, Energy Efficiency Service Director, 512-482-5323

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 14, 2023- To be review by the Electric Utility Commission

August 15, 2023- To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission

Additional Backup Information:

In May 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy awarded the City of Austin an opportunity for a full-time Clean Energy Innovation Fellow. The Clean Energy Fellowship program is hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Technology. The one-year Fellowship may be extended for a second year.

Austin Energy will assist the Fellow in scoping innovation projects that support the utility's Generation and Climate Equity Plan. Several Austin Energy staff are available to provide guidance and mentorship for the Fellow, including Austin Energy's Equity Program Manager.

The focus of the Fellow will be analyzing Austin Energy's historical program information and benchmarking existing commercial, multifamily, and residential Energy Efficiency programs to align with equity initiatives and best practices across the country. This position will assist the utility in developing new equity measures, community feedback, and Key Performance Indicators to imbed equitable operational improvements into community outreach and incentive programs. The Fellow will document stakeholder input in coordination with other City of Austin equity, sustainability, and community outreach organizations as they relate to Energy Efficiency outreach, incentives, and technologies.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for A10 Networks products and services, including maintenance, training, and support services with Innovation Network Technologies Corporation d/b/a InNet, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$693,000.

[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 \$24,917 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$215,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods and services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of Austin Energy to provide the goods and services required for the City.

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:

August 14, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide A10 Networks products and services for load balancer hardware including maintenance support, upgrades, training, and support services for Austin Energy. A10 Networks hardware is utilized in all Austin Energy data centers providing load balancing for domain name services, web services, and data power in support of virtually all Austin Energy-hosted applications.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.

Contract Detail:

**Contract
Term**

**Length
of Term**

**Contract
Authorization**

Initial Term	1 yr.	\$231,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$231,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$231,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$693,000

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

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for an emissions monitoring system, associated products, and related services with Cemtek Environmental, Inc. d/b/a CEMTEK KVB-Enertec, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are 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 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 14, 2023 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for a new Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) at Sand Hill Energy Center. This project will include installation, testing, commissioning, training, maintenance, and other related parts and services as well as customized shelters to house the system.

CEMS enables Austin Energy to monitor combustion control in industrial settings and generate environmental compliance reports to meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements. The current control system is over 15 years old and reaching the end of its life cycle. The replacement system will standardize Austin Energy's CEMS reporting by using the CEMTEK SEALS control system, which is utilized at other Austin Energy sites.

CEMTEK-KVB-Enertec is the only manufacturer of this system including its associated customized shelter and other products and services.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for substation relay panels with Control Panels USA Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.

[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 \$3,000,000 is available in the Capital 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 DTB3021 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on April 24, 2023, and closed on May 23, 2023. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the highest 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:

August 14, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide substation relay panels for Austin Energy. Relay panels are used to protect high voltage transmission lines, substation equipment, the distribution system of Austin Energy, and personnel working around critical assets within the substation.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Control Panel U.S.A. Inc. as the best to provide these goods based on price, service-disabled veteran business enterprise, local preference, demonstrated applicable experience, solution, and delivery lead times.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 6,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 3,000,000

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

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

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract for the continued purchase of electric meters for use throughout the Austin Energy service area with Texas Electric Cooperatives, to increase the amount by \$16,000,000 and to extend the term by one year for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$56,000,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are 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 for Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

March 23, 2017 – Council approved the original contract, item 34, on a 8-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining and Council Members Casar and Garza off the dais.

December 2, 2021 – Council approved an amendment, item 19, on a vote of 11-0.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 14, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The proposed amendment will provide Austin Energy with funding to complete planned and emergency distribution projects.

This contract is for commercial and residential electric meters which are deployed throughout Austin Energy's service area on an as-needed basis. The electric meters provide electric service to new customers in response to growth and maintenance needs and streamline metering operations to reduce costs. The meters also support Austin Energy's strategic goals and objectives regarding system reliability, outage management, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and safety.

Additional time and funding are needed for Austin Energy to assess its future meter needs. Without this contract extension, Austin Energy would be limited in the number of new electric services and maintenance replacements they would be able to support with billing meters.

Contract Detail:

Current

Requested

Revised

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$30,000,000		\$30,000,000
Contract Amendment	1.5 yrs.	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000
Proposed Amendment	1 yr.		\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000
TOTAL	7.5 yrs.	\$40,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$56,000,000

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