



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2456, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

8/31/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for the installation of a power transmission line and connection to the Wild Horse Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant, in coordination with the Wild Horse Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,236,225.

[Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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 or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 7, 2023 - No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a lack of affirmative votes with one recusal, one absence, and four vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The requested action is for Council to authorize a contract with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., exempt from competitive bidding under Local Government Code 252.022 as a procurement available from only one source.

In conjunction with the ongoing Wild Horse Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project, including the addition of a new electrical building, this work will install an additional electrical feed to provide a dual power source to the expanded treatment plant to mitigate risk from power outages. A dual power source is required by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations. Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the current and sole provider of electricity to the property.

The requested contract with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. will facilitate the construction of the

additional electrical feed to the existing wastewater treatment plant site. Approval of this contract will enable Austin Water to improve wastewater system resiliency, mitigate potential risks associated with future emergency weather or other conditions, and provide electrical resiliency.

This project is located within zip code 78617 (District 1).