



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2903, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

10/5/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for installation of the overhead self-supported poles at McKinney Falls Parkway and William Cannon Drive with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$111,942.

[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 the Transportation and Public Works Department.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

Prior Council Action:

August 18, 2016 - Council passed Resolution No. 20160818-074 on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voting nay, and Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.

December 17, 2017 - Council passed Resolution No. 20171214-056 on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair off the dais.

April 25, 2019 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20190425-039 on an 11-0 vote.

December 8, 2022 - Council authorized a contract, item 32, on an 11-0 vote.

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.

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.

This contract pertains to relocation of existing electrical infrastructure within Travis County right of way and

installation of overhead self-supported poles to facilitate construction of the safety and mobility infrastructure improvements, and new traffic signals, which are included in the corridor construction project on William Cannon Drive from Running Water Drive to McKinney Falls Parkway, which is part of the Council approved 2016 Bond Corridor Construction Program (Resolution No. 20180426-028) being managed by the Capital Delivery Services Department. This contract is funded with 2016 mobility bond funds.

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BBE) is the sole electric service provider in the vicinity of the corridor construction contract where the electric poles must be relocated and installed to clear the safety and mobility improvements, and to provide service to the new traffic signal located at William Cannon Drive and McKinney Falls Parkway. BBE owns the electric service poles and is installing them within Travis County right of way, which is a reimbursable relocation to remove a conflict with the Capital Improvement Program project.

The Corridor Program Power Design team has reviewed the BBE estimates and finds them to be in line with other costs that the Program is charged by Austin Energy and other electric providers.

Approval of this item complies with and further implements the Bond Election Ordinance No. 20160818-023 and the 2016 Bond contract with voters' resolution (Resolution No. 20160818-074), by delivering safety and mobility improvements for this urbanized, high-volume corridor that currently lacks accessible, safe, and continuous bike and pedestrian infrastructure.