



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3649, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

2/1/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of two contracts for batteries, battery banks, and battery testing services with Direct Current Preventive Maintenance LLC d/b/a DCPM and Exponential Power Inc., each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$3,500,000, divided between the contractors.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods and services 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 \$408,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DTB1035REBID for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on August 14, 2023, and closed on September 12, 2023. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. This information can currently be found at:

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=139380.

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:

January 22, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

These two contracts will provide batteries, battery banks, and battery testing services for use at substations

throughout Austin Energy's service area. The battery banks are needed to replace equipment that has reached their end-of-life, and to provide unit upgrades and new equipment installations. Battery testing services cover maintenance testing of existing battery banks to comply with North American Electric Reliability Corporation requirements. Battery banks are critical equipment in all substations, used as an uninterrupted power source for the protection system's switching and control devices.