Posting Language

Authorize a contract for control system maintenance and technical support services for the Foxboro control systems at the Sand Hill Energy Center for Austin Energy with Schneider Electric Systems USA, Inc., for an initial term of one year in an estimated amount of $352,100 with up to four one-year extension options in variable amounts for a total contract amount not to exceed $1,621,000. Funding: $293,209 is available in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Energy and $58,803 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

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Procurement Language:

Sole Source.

MBE/WBE:

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

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 9, 2026 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide the Customer FIRST Support and Service Program that supports Austin Energy's Foxboro control systems and associated controls network at Sand Hill Energy Center. Services include ongoing maintenance and technical support for the control systems installed on all Sand Hill units and will maintain reliability of the power-generating units at the facility through software updates, cybersecurity services, firewall replacement, preventative maintenance, hardware support, training, field service, and 24/7 technical assistance.

Schneider Electric Systems USA, Inc. is the sole manufacturer authorized to service, support, and provide warranty coverage for this proprietary control system. Maintenance and support for the Foxboro system were previously provided by Schneider Electric Systems USA, Inc. under a prior agreement. The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using departmental estimates and contractor's proposal.

Without this contract, Austin Energy would lack the specialized support necessary to maintain and upgrade the control systems, placing the safe operation of critical generation units at risk. Delays or failures in system performance could directly affect power-generation capacity and system stability at Sand Hill Energy Center.

Contract Details:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	1 year	$352,100
Optional Extension 1	1 year	$301,600
Optional Extension 2	1 year	$313,000
Optional Extension 3	1 year	$322,300
Optional Extension 4	1 year	$332,000
Total	**5 years**	**$1,621,000**

Note: Contract authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage and may be more or less in the initial term and in each exercised optional extension; however, the total contract amount will not exceed $1,621,000.