City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-3104, **Agenda Item #:** 30. 11/19/2026

Posting Language
Authorize a contract for overhead transmission electrical staff augmentation services to support transmission construction and maintenance for Austin Energy with Power Standard LLC, for an initial term of two years in an estimated amount of $20,000,000 with up to three one-year extension options each in an estimated amount of $10,000,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed $50,000,000. Funding: $208,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. $8,125,000 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:
Austin Financial Services issued a Request for Proposals solicitation RFP 1100 LLM3008 for these services. The solicitation was published on June 29, 2026, and closed on August 11, 2026. Of the seven offers received, the proposal submitted by the recommended contractor represented best value to the City based on the solicitation's evaluation criteria. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=143848.

MBE/WBE:
This contract will be awarded in compliance with the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; 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. 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:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide daily staff augmentation to support transmission construction and maintenance services for Austin Energy. It supplements Austin Energy's workforce by supplying qualified contract labor, equipment, and resources necessary to perform critical construction and maintenance operations. In addition, these resources will support Austin Energy's Electric Systems Resiliency Plan, development process initiatives, and overall readiness for emergency response.

Continued load growth in Austin has increased the need for qualified personnel to expand and upgrade transmission system infrastructure. This contract ensures Austin Energy has access to sufficient skilled personnel and equipment to meet this growing demand. Typical projects performed under the contract include hauling and setting transmission structures, making contacts to transmission conductors, installing and removing transmission conductors, and installing guy anchors.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area reviewed the proposals and determined that Power Standard LLC offered the best overall value based on experience and personnel, program approach, staffing plan, price, local preference, and small business preference.

The contract will replace a contract expiring December 24, 2026. The requested authorization amounts are based on historical spend and anticipated usage. The recommended contractor is the current provider of these services.

If the contract is not approved, Austin Energy will be unable to conduct daily transmission construction and maintenance projects. This will have an immediate catastrophic impact on the Bulk Electric System. Austin Energy relies on this contract to supplement the workforce daily. This contract provides both personnel and equipment, which makes it possible for Austin Energy to safely complete construction and maintenance projects. The contract also supplies personnel and equipment to respond to emergency operations on Austin Energy's Bulk Electric System, restoring it back to normal.

Contract Details:

Contract Term	**Length of Term**	**Contract Authorization**
Initial Term	2 years	$20,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	$10,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	$10,000,000
Optional Extension 3	1 year	$10,000,000
Total	**5 years**	**$50,000,000**

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 $50,000,000.

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