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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	21246	Agenda Number	8.
Meeting Date:	1/31/2013		Department:	Economic Growth and Redevelopment	
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the contract with NADAAA, Inc., a Boston based design firm with lead artist Nader Tehrani for additional design services for the Seaholm Electrical Substation Wall Art in Public Places Project in the Seaholm District, in an amount not to exceed \$107,893 for a total contract amount of \$302,358.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$107,893 is available in the 2012-2013 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.					
Fiscal Note					
Fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	February 9, 2012: Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment of the design commission contract with Nader Tehrani, NADAAA Inc. August 26, 2010: Council authorized negotiation and execution of a design agreement with Nader Tehrani, NADAAA Inc.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Seaholm Substation Wall will serve as an art screen wall enclosing the City's downtown electrical substation located in the Seaholm District. The wall will be approximately 1,200' long, with a height of 12' to 25'.

The project team for Second Street Bridge and Extension (West Avenue to Shoal Creek), composed of staff from Public Works, Project Management & Engineering Services Divisions, PARD, and design consultants, has determined that removal of an abandoned underground concrete vault inside the southeast corner of Seaholm Substation will greatly improve public safety and welfare in the public space outside the substation. The planned removal of the vault will change site conditions within and adjacent to the Substation Wall, resulting in Austin Energy making modifications to the screen wall alignment. This new wall alignment provides additional public space outside the substation at the southeast corner and along the east wall.

The modification to the Seaholm wall alignment requires an amendment to NADAAA, Inc.'s professional services agreement, which will provide additional design and structural engineering services to redesign this section of the screen wall and will provide the additional structural engineering required due to the removal of the concrete vault.