

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	23178	<b>Agenda Number</b>	20.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 11, 2013
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<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award and execution of a contract with QUANTA TECHNOLOGY, LLC, or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. DKC0036, to provide assessment of North American Electric Reliability Corporation compliance documentation and evidence for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$68,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Best evaluated proposal.
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
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<b>For More Information:</b>	Dolores Castillo, Sr. Buyer/322-6466
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote.
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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**Additional Backup Information**

Since June 2007, Austin Energy (AE) has been responsible for complying with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards based on the mandates of the Federal Power Act. Prior to compliance audits later this year, AE seeks to have an independent third party assess its compliance activities and evidence. This contract will provide for a qualified and experienced consultant to assess documentation and evidence demonstrating compliance with the NERC Reliability Standards in the areas of Critical Infrastructure Protection, Transmission and Distribution, and Generation. The consultant shall review the appropriateness of goals, objectives, policies, processes and procedures and, if applicable, provide suggested improvements. The consultant will also benchmark AE's compliance activities with those of industry best practices where possible and appropriate. The contract will provide on-site "mock audits" and a final report of the consultant's findings regarding overall compliance with NERC Reliability Standards, including recommendations for improvement.

An Austin Energy team with expertise in NERC compliance and associated regulatory requirements reviewed the bids and evaluated the proposals. Evaluation criteria included cost, proposed work plan and solution, personnel qualifications, experience and local business presence.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

MBE/WBE solicited: 9/6

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

#### PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred seventy-nine notices were sent including nine MBEs and six WBEs. Twelve proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.