

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

55885

Agenda Number

39.

Meeting Date:

March 31, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

### Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with USIC LOCATING SERVICES LLC, to provide underground utility locating services, in an amount not to exceed \$2,364,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,182,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,910,000.

### Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$591,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 18 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing  
Language:

Lowest bid received from the current provider.

Prior Council  
Action:



For More  
Information:

Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 512-322-6060

Boards and  
Commission  
Action:

March 21, 2016 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0-1 vote with Commissioner Norris absent.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

### Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide Austin Energy with ready access to equipment, materials, and qualified personnel to safely and effectively provide underground utility locating services. The Contractor shall respond to all excavation notices directed to Austin Energy through the Texas One-Call Center or any other source in accordance with the current Texas Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act. Services include, but are not limited to, painting, flagging, and/or staking of utility lines in accordance with the current state and Austin Energy specifications.

The contract will ensure that Austin Energy has the services required for the purpose of safeguarding underground and subsurface facilities from excavation damage as mandated by Texas Administrative Code Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 18 and Utilities Code Title 5, Chapter 251. The current contract expires on April 13, 2016.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 8/2

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

### **BID TABULATION**

IFB GGU0157

Underground Utility Locating Services  
(2 – line items)

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Normal Locating Request (qty. 84,000)</u></b>	<b><u>Emergency Locating Request (qty. 3,000)</u></b>	<b><u>Total Annual Bid</u></b>
USIC Locating Services, LLC Indianapolis, IN	\$1,092,000	\$90,000	\$1,182,000
Olameter DPG Matthews, NC	\$1,564,920	\$210,000	\$1,774,920

A complete solicitation package, including bid tabulation, is on file with the City's Purchasing Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)

### **PRICE ANALYSIS**

- Adequate competition.
- 79 notices were sent, including eight MBEs and two WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor; e.g. one vendor may have multiple email addresses/fax numbers.
- This pricing offered represents a 2.4% increase from the last contract awarded in March 2011.

### **APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- Lowest bid received.
- The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- Advertised on the internet.