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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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72841

Agenda Number

31.

Meeting Date:

August 3, 2017

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of four contracts with MCCOY-ROCKFORD, INC., AUSTIN BUSINESS FURNITURE, TECH CENTER DESIGN, INC. (WBE) and EVANS CONSOLES, INC., through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and The Cooperative Purchasing Network cooperative purchasing programs, for furniture for Austin Energy's System Control Center Network Operations Center, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, divided among the contractors.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchasing programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined these contractors best meet the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Joshua Pace, at 512-322-6583 or Joshua.Pace@ austinenergy.com

Boards and Commission Action:

July 17, 2017 – The Electric Utility Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

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

Additional Backup Information

These contracts will provide furniture for the newly constructed office space of Austin Energy's System Control Center. On March 23, 2017, Council approved a construction contract to finish out the 10,000 square feet of office space referred to as the Network Operations Center (NOC). Construction of the NOC is expected to be completed in September 2017. The NOC will be occupied by three work groups, Remittance Processing, Information Technology Security Operations, and Information Technology Network Operations. These work groups consist of 60 employees who will require office furniture to perform their work.

These contractors offer furniture that meet a number of sustainable standards to complement the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Gold certification achieved by the System Control Center project in 2014. Some of the standards include: GREENGUARD certification for low volatile organic compounds; Cradle to Cradle Bronze certification for material health, material reutilization, renewable energy and carbon management, waste stewardship, and social fairness; Indoor Advantage Gold for indoor air quality standards; and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) certification of wood, waste recycling, and incorporation of recycled content in products. Much of the furniture available under these contracts is designed to be ecologically sound, featuring eco-design techniques for achieving sustainability such as saving materials, energy efficient manufacturing, the use of recycled contents, and utilization of recyclable content.

Austin Energy's Facilities Management provides maintenance and support services to 20 separate locations. Support provided includes coordinating the purchase and installation of a variety of office furniture including modular systems, conference room and office furniture, and seating. As part of its Facilities Master Plan, Austin Energy plans to remodel and repurpose areas in several facilities which will require the purchase of modular furniture including cubicles and office furniture including desks, chairs, and shelving.

These are new contracts and are not replacing existing contracts. These cooperative purchasing programs offer deep discounts of up to 71% off list prices. Local vendors make up more than 93% of this purchase and local firms will be utilized for installation services needed. More than 20% of the total purchase will be from an Austin-based, woman owned business enterprise.

The Texas Multiple Award Schedule, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and The Cooperative Purchasing Network cooperatives establish competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

If the City is unable to execute the contract, Austin Energy personnel would be unable to occupy the newly constructed NOC and the space would be inoperative.