

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 9, 2017

Item Number: 006

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Southwest Corporation, for the Gilleland Creek Substation Control House project, in the amount of \$254,243. (Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 0.0% MBE and 1.42% WBE participation.).

Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.
Purchasing Language	Lowest responsive bid received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
For More Information	<p>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929.</p>
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	October 16, 2017 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Fath, Stout, and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The Gilleland Creek Substation is jointly owned by Austin Energy and the Lower Colorado River Authority through an approved Interconnect Agreement and is located outside Austin City limits but within Austin Energy's service territory. The Gilleland Creek Substation Control House project is related to the 8-mile transmission line improvement project from the Gilleland Creek Substation to Austin Energy's Techridge Substation. This substation improvement project along with the new transmission line project were endorsed by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas as necessary to support the reliability of the transmission system and for production cost savings related to the transmission upgrade project.

The project consists of the contractor furnishing all tools, labor, materials, equipment, and miscellaneous items necessary for erecting a prefabricated metal control house, including the structure and components, on an Austin Energy-constructed foundation within an existing electric substation.

A delay in this critical system improvement could result in thermal overloading and tripping of several key transmission system elements causing cascading overloads, a risk of service interruptions, and/or outages, as well as subsequent scheduling and project cost increases.

There has been no public outreach for this project as all work will be completed on site within Austin Energy property. No public impact is anticipated.

The contract allows 160 working days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78660, and is outside the Austin city limits but within Austin Energy's service territory. The project will be managed by Austin Energy.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website.

Link: Solicitation Documents

<https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=117828>.