# **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

## **City Council Meeting Date:**

August 8, 2019

# Posting Language:

Approve issuance of incentives to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin for the installation of solar electric systems on two multifamily affordable housing communities: Pathways at Chalmers Courts South, located at 1638 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., for an estimated amount of \$151,110; and Pathways at Goodrich Place, located at 2126 Goodrich Ave., for an estimated amount of \$257,950; for a combined total amount not to exceed \$409,060. (Council Districts 3 and 5)

# Fiscal Note:

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

# For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Tim Harvey, Solar Program Manager (512) 482-5386.

# Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 18, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission. July 15, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

# Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy requests approval to issue a total of \$409,060 in incentives to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) for the installation of solar electric systems at two multifamily affordable housing communities. The redevelopment properties for which HACA is to receive incentives are: Pathways at Chalmers Courts South, located at 1638 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Council District 3, for an estimated \$151,111; and Pathways at Goodrich Place, located at 2126 Goodrich Ave. in Council District 5, for an estimated \$257,950.

The proposed 151.11 kW-DC solar installation at Chalmers Courts South includes 414 solar modules, each with a rating of 385 watts, and is expected to produce approximately 202,568 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year. This installation will serve all 86 units at the property which is designated for tenants with a median family income (MFI) of 60% or lower. The total estimated installation cost is \$200,976 and the incentive will cover approximately 75% of the cost.

The proposed 257.95 kW-DC solar installation at Pathways at Goodrich Place includes 670 solar modules, each with a rating of 385 watts, with an expected production of 351,000 kWh per year. This installation will serve 120 family housing units at the property which is designated for tenants with MFIs ranging from 30-80%. The total estimated installation cost is \$453,500 and the incentive will cover approximately 57% of the cost.

	<b>Chalmers South</b>	Goodrich
System Size	151.11 kW-DC	257.95 kW-DC
System Cost	\$200,976	\$453,500
Total Incentive	\$151,110	\$257,950
# of Units	86	120
Incentive per Unit	\$1,757.09	\$2,149.58

The table below provides a summary of the system sizes, costs and proposed incentives:

The purpose of these installations is to provide affordable, renewable energy to underserved populations and leverage the Value-of-Solar benefit to reduce electric bills for the occupants of the multifamily affordable housing properties. In order to provide these benefits to tenants of these properties, the two projects will be included in Austin Energy's Shared Solar Program, the purpose of which is to enable more cost-effective solar installations on individually-metered, multi-tenant properties for low-to-moderate-income customers. This additional functionality will allow Austin Energy and HACA to distribute the benefit of the solar installation across all tenants on each property, effectively reducing their energy bills.

According to the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, "Austin Energy must be financially sound, the cost of electric service must be affordable for all classes of customers (with particular attention to the low income and underserved customers), and rates must be competitive to ensure the retention and attraction of businesses for a strong local economy." In the service of satisfying the requirement to provide affordable and clean energy to low-income and underserved customers, Austin Energy launched a rebate and incentive program to facilitate the installation of solar for Multi-Family Affordable Housing (MFAH) customers in January of 2018.

Under the Solar Photovoltaic Multi-Family Incentive Program, a customer typically qualifies for \$0.60/Watt-DC installed with a cap at 50% of the installed cost; however, in an effort to boost solar adoption, Austin Energy issued a Summer Bonus (from May 16 to August 31, 2019) which temporarily increases the rebate level to \$1/Watt-DC and waived the incentive cap.

These two solar projects combined will generate an estimated 553,568 kWh per year and are estimated to prevent the production of the following emissions each year: 236 tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO2); 481 pounds of Sulfur Dioxide (SO2); and 221 pounds of Nitrogen Oxide (NOX). These emissions reductions are equivalent to planting 3,542 trees or 252 acres of forest in Austin's parks or the removal of 523,676 vehicle miles or 45 cars from Austin roadways.

Austin Energy's solar program helps meet the community's solar goal of 950 megawatts (MW) by 2025, including 200 MW of local solar capacity, established in the updated Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan approved by City Council in October 2017. The solar program is designed to reduce the amount of electricity Austin Energy must purchase from the market and reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions.



# Shared Solar Fact Sheet HACA Projects: Chalmers South and Goodrich Place

File Number	1173513	
Customer Name	Housing Authority of the City of Austin	
Facility Address	1638 East 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street (Chalmers Courts South)	
Estimated Incentives	\$151,110	
Application Received Date	5/13/2019	
Number of Modules	414	
Wattage per Module (STC)	365	
Solar Contractor	Lighthouse Solar	
Installation Cost	\$200,976	
Estimated kWh Savings	202,568 kWh/year	
Estimated Date of Completion	August 2019	
Site Information/Additional Comments	The solar incentive level is \$1.00 per watt-DC to partially cover the cost of a 151.11 kW-DC solar system to be installed on the Pathways at Chalmers Courts South (Chalmers Courts redevelopment). The solar installation and incentives will serve 86 units all with 60% MFI or below.	

File Number	1173262
Customer Name	Housing Authority of the City of Austin
Facility Address	2126 Goodrich Ave. (Goodrich Place)
Estimated Incentives	\$257,950
Application Received Date	6/10/2019
Number of Modules	670
Wattage per Module (STC)	385
Solar Contractor	Lighthouse Solar
Installation Cost	\$453,500
Estimated kWh Savings	351,000 kWh/year
Estimated Date of Completion	TBD
Site Information/Additional Comments	The solar incentive level is \$1.00 per watt-DC to partially cover the cost of a 257.95 kW-DC solar system to be installed on the Pathways at Goodrich Place redevelopment. The solar installation and incentives will serve 120 units serving households ranging from 30-80% MFI.

# **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

## **City Council Meeting Date:**

08/08/2019

# **Posting Language**

Approve issuance of a rebate to Costco Wholesale Corp., for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Costco facility located at 10401 Research Blvd., in an amount not to exceed \$73,877. (District 7)

# **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

## For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Relations (512) 322-6087; Denise Kuehn, Director, Energy Efficiency Services (512) 322-6138.

## Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission. July 16, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

## Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate to Costco Wholesale Corp., in an amount not to exceed \$73,877, for energy efficiency measures at its Costco facility located at 10401 Research Blvd., in Council District 7. The energy efficiency measures implemented at this property include: LED lighting and lighting controls. The estimated total cost of these measures is \$286,975. The rebate will cover 26% of the total project cost.

These improvements are in accordance with Austin Energy's Commercial Rebate Program guidelines and the Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) Ordinance. The rebate program is one element of the comprehensive Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to realize 900 MW of energy efficiency and demand response by 2025. It is designed in part to reduce local air pollution through energy conservation, reduce peak demand, reduce the need to purchase additional generation and assist customers in reducing electric consumption.

The avoided kilowatt-hours (kWh), estimated at 983,430 kWh per year, represent a major benefit to the local environment. This project is estimated to prevent the production of the following air emissions annually: 526 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO2), 0.2 metric tons of Nitrogen Oxides (NOX), and 0.6 metric ton of Sulfur Dioxide (SO2). The project savings is equivalent to an estimated 1,182,186 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 101 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 13,527 trees or 676 acres of forest in Austin's parks.



# COMMERCIAL REBATE FACT SHEET Costco – Research Blvd.

Property Name	Costco
Customer Name	Costco Wholesale Corporation
Property Address	10401 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas 78759
Total Square Feet	152,937
Year Built	2001
Air Conditioner Tonnage	784
Water Heater Type	Gas
Total Project Costs	\$286,975
Total Rebate – Not to Exceed	\$73,877
% of Total Construction Costs	26%
Note(s)	

Costco on Research Blvd. installed the energy conservation measures listed under Scope of Work below, resulting in a rebate of \$73,876.71. The rebate amount is approximately 26% of the total retrofit project cost of \$286,975.

Project Annual Savings (Estimated)		
Kilowatt (kW)	347	
\$/kW	\$212.85	
Kilowatt-hours (kWh)	983,430	

#### Scope of Work

Measures	Rebate Amount	kW Saved – Estimated	kWh Saved – Estimated	:	\$/kW
Lighting retrofit on sales floor: High-intensity discharge lamps (HID) to LED	\$ 63,724.15	288	816,736	\$	221.28
Lighting control system upgrade	\$ 10,152.56	59	166,694	\$	171.74
Total	\$ 73,876.71	347	983,430	\$	212.90

Measures Performed in last 10 years at this property	Completion Date	Rebate Amount
Lighting retrofit in display cases, photo lab, optical area: Florescent to LED	8/16/2017	\$4,041.77
Lighting retrofit in display cases, photo lab, optical area: Florescent to compact florescent lamps (CFL)	9/13/2012	\$3,849.12

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### Council Meeting Date:

August 8, 2019

#### Posting Language:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-year power purchase agreement with Raymond Wind Farm, LLC, an E.ON Climate & Renewables subsidiary, for up to 200 megawatts of electricity from a utility-scale wind-generation facility, in an estimated amount of up to \$17,000,000 per year, for a total estimated amount of up to \$204,000,000.

#### Fiscal Note:

Funding will be provided through the Power Supply Adjustment and Green Choice revenue.

#### For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Erika Bierschbach, Vice-President, Energy and Market Operations (512) 322-6476.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission. July 16, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

#### Additional Backup Information:

On May 4, 2018, Austin Energy issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for renewable capacity and energy. Offers resulting from the solicitation provided Austin Energy with competitively priced renewable energy and environmental attributes, and the opportunity to continue progress toward its renewable energy acquisition goal. The renewable purchase recommended in this action, with existing renewable energy commitments, is projected to result in Austin Energy reaching approximately 61% renewable energy after the project begins commercial operation in December 2020, and will increase the utility's purchase portfolio to 1,795 megawatts (MW) of installed utility-scale wind capacity.

On August 17, 2017, the Austin City Council approved the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2027 which updated the strategic energy policy for Austin Energy. The updated plan includes a goal of achieving an overall renewable energy portfolio of approximately 65% of Austin Energy's generating fleet by 2027.

This utility-scale contract will provide for the purchase of up to 200 MW of wind power from a project to be constructed in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) South Zone. The agreement will not require Austin Energy to invest any funds in the construction, operation or maintenance of the project. The agreement will provide for a non-escalating fixed price per megawatt-hour (MWh) of energy that allows Austin Energy to realize the pricing benefit due to the federal production tax credit (PTC) available to wind developers which is set to begin declining for projects that begin commercial operation after 2020. The quantity of production will vary in accordance with wind availability at any given time. The agreement is projected to have a beneficial impact on the Power Supply Adjustment given current market prices and projected future price expectations.

301 W. Second Street

Austin, TX



# Recommendation for Action

# File #: 19-2485, Agenda Item #:

# Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc., for the Future Downtown Substation Water & Wastewater Relocation project, in the amount of \$594,021 plus a \$59,402 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$653,423.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 98.65% MBE and 1.35% WBE participation.]

#### Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

## Managing Department(s)

Public Works Department

#### Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

#### Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of five bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

#### Prior Council Action:

N/A

#### For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929, or the Project Manager, Tony L. Lopez, 512-975-6581.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on July 15, 2019.

#### Additional Backup Information:

This project will relocate existing wastewater utilities prior to the construction of a new electric substation to serve the growing number of residents and businesses associated with massive redevelopment in the Downtown Austin area and future redevelopment along Waller Creek.

This project consists of relocations of wastewater utilities located within the property at 55 East Avenue in preparation for use by Austin Energy to build an electric substation. The contract includes: construction of

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approximately 609 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch wastewater lines, including associated manhole structures, excavation, and backfill; construction of approximately 288 linear feet of 6-inch and 12-inch water lines, including associated valves, fittings, appurtenances, excavation, and backfill for connection to an existing, inservice 12-inch waterline; removal and replacement of asphalt roadway, base, and concrete curbs within utility -dense City right-of-way; and abandonment of existing 15-inch and 8-inch wastewater lines and a segment of 12-inch waterline, and removal of existing 12-inch waterline.

The Downtown Austin Plan adopted by the City Council in 2012 identified the need for a new substation to serve the fast-growing Rainey Street District and redevelopment in Downtown Austin and along Waller Creek. This project will allow the construction of a new electric substation at 55 East Avenue.

A delay in this wastewater infrastructure relocation project could delay construction for the new substation, which is scheduled to begin late in the summer of 2020. The rapid pace of redevelopment in the downtown area is close to exceeding the electrical facility requirements needed for the near- and long-term future. Therefore, if the construction of the substation is delayed, the downtown area will be at an increased risk of power outages.

This project is included in Austin Energy's "Repowering Downtown" community outreach efforts including presentations to and meetings with the Rainey Street Neighborhood Association, Town Lake Neighborhood Association, Towers of Town Lake Homeowners Association, Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association, Mexican-American Cultural Center (MACC) Board, City of Austin Design Commission, Waller Creek Conservancy, Downtown Austin Association, Building Owners and Managers Association, and Real Estate Council of Austin. In addition, Austin Energy held two informational and public input meetings at the MACC in 2018 and earlier in 2019, and a third is planned for August 2019.

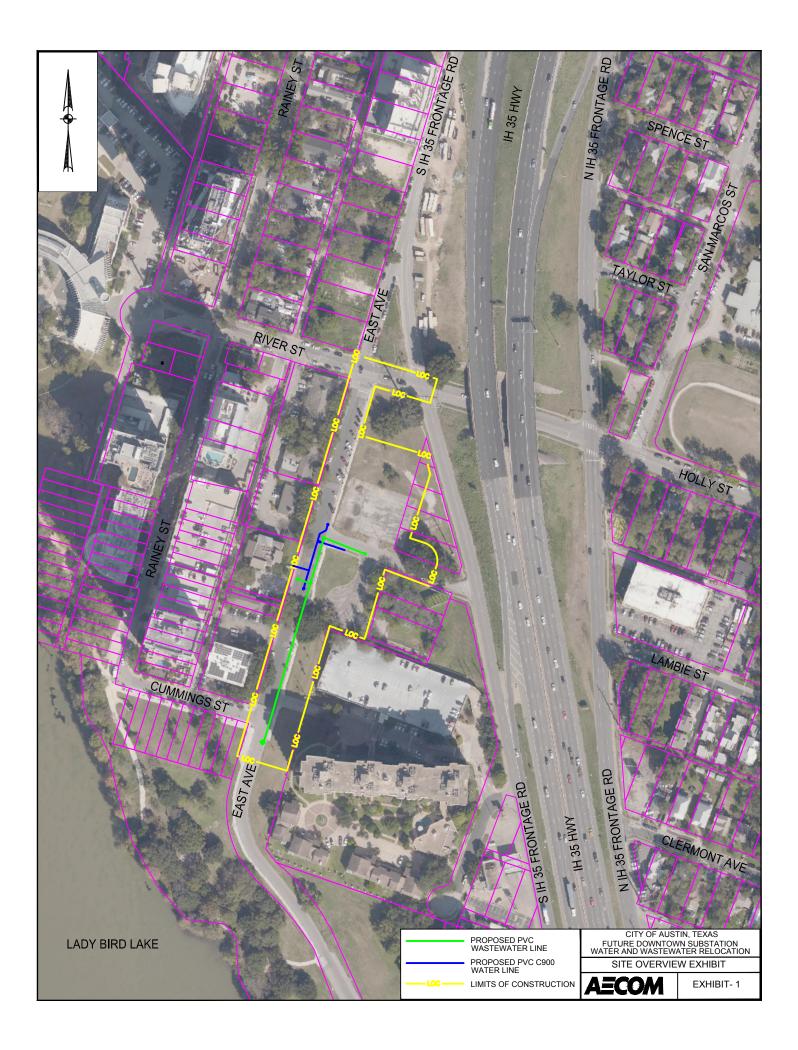
The relocation of wastewater infrastructure will allow construction to begin on the new substation to ensure residents and businesses have reliable, resilient and redundant electrical service as a vibrant downtown Austin continues its expansion of office, commercial, and residential development.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

The contract allows 197 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).

Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: <u>Solicitation</u> <u>Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\_services/solicitation/solicitation\_details.cfm?</u> <u>sid=127831></u>.



#### M/WBE Summary

Public notice was given for this solicitation, CLMC728 Future Downtown Substation Water & Wastewater Relocation project, through the City's Vendor Connection web portal. Five bids were received and opened on May 9, 2019. Of the five bids received, four bids were from MBE/WBE certified firms. Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid of five bids received:

Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc., Austin, TX (MH)	\$594,021
D Guerra Construction, LLC, Austin, TX (MH)	\$693,783
Austin Underground, Inc., Lago Vista, TX (MH)	\$707,108
Santa Clara Construction, Ltd, Austin, TX (MH)	\$723,079
Smith Contracting, Co., Inc., Austin, TX	\$857,504

The contractor's choice of work methodology provides for three areas of subcontracting opportunities, which are listed below. Project specific subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.12% African American; 6.51% Hispanic; 0.22% Native/Asian; 1.10% WBE. Total participation is estimated on base bid amount:

Base Bid: \$ 594,021.00

PRIME	M/WBE TOTAL	\$ 576,021.00	96.97%
	(MH) Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc., Austin, TX	\$ 576,021.00	96.97%
MBE TO	TALS - SUBCONTRACTORS	\$ 10,000.00	1.68%
	African American Subtotal	\$ 8,000.00	1.35%
	(MB) Sammy J. Kellough, Austin, TX (Hauling)	\$ 8,000.00	1.35%
	Hispanic Subtotal	\$ -	0.00%
		\$ -	0.00%
	Native/Asian American Subtotal	\$ 2,000.00	0.34%
	(MA) Benquest, LLC, Austin, TX (Fuel)	\$ 2,000.00	0.34%
WBE TO	TALS - SUBCONTRACTORS	\$ 8,000.00	1.35%
	(FH) CL Concrete Construction Corporation, Taylor, TX	\$ 8,000.00	1.35%
	(Manhole Construction)		

The Contractor submitted a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department. Second and third low bidder information is provided.

**SECOND BIDDER** - D Guerra Construction, LLC, Austin, TX (MH) \$693,783.00 87.08% MBE/MH prime participation; 1.22% African American; 0.22% Native/Asian; 1.10% WBE; 10.38% Non-M/WBE subcontractor participation.

**THIRD BIDDER** - Austin Underground, Inc., Lago Vista, TX\$707,108.0098.46% MBE/MH prime participation; 1.13% African American; 0.28% Native/Asian; 0% WBE; 0.13% NonM/WBE subcontractor participation.

## Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with CLEAResult Consulting Inc. D/B/A CLEAResult, to support Austin Energy's multifamily energy efficiency programs, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,635,000.

(Note: 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 services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

# Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

## Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

#### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$126,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3004 for these services. The solicitation issued on April 1, 2019 and it closed on April 23, 2019. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: <u>Solicitation Documents</u>.

# **Prior Council Action:**

#### For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Liz Lock, at 512-322-6251 or Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com.

# Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

July 16, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

#### Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide support for Austin Energy's multifamily energy efficiency programs, including recruitment, education, quality control, and project management. The contractor will recruit both new multifamily property owners to participate in Austin Energy's energy efficiency programs and past participants for additional energy efficiency opportunities. The contractor will also educate multifamily property tenants on the benefits of energy efficiency improvements completed at their residence.

Additionally, the contractor will coordinate local service providers to install energy efficiency measures at multifamily properties eligible for Austin Energy's rebate program. The contractor will train the local service providers, assign projects, ensure timely completion and perform quality control of their work.

Austin Energy's multifamily energy efficiency programs incentivize property owners to install energy efficiency measures such as lighting retrofits, duct seals, attic insulation, and solar screens. Austin Energy's goal for this contract is to increase the number of tenant units receiving energy efficiency improvements each year from approximately 5,400 to 6,500.

Performance metrics are tied to payment related to recruitment of local service providers, the number of measures installed per property, and maintaining a steady pipeline of projects. Multifamily properties are identified as standard or low-income rental properties with at least four rental units, or a combination of contiguous duplex or triplex units.

The measures installed as part of the multifamily rebate program assist in meeting the energy efficiency goals contained in the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan including energy demand savings of 800 megawatts by 2020 and 900 megawatts by 2025. In addition, the program reduces utility coincident peak demand and provides energy savings for customers by supplying an incentive to offset the cost of equipment and/or services that exceed the City of Austin Energy Code and result in energy efficiency improvements.

This is a new contract. An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored CLEAResult Consulting Inc. D/B/A CLEAResult as the best to provide these services based on proposed solution, work plan, prior experience and personnel, price, local preference, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

#### Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract	
<u>Term</u>	of Term	<b>Authorization</b>	
Initial Term	2 yrs.	<b>\$</b> 942,900	
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	<b>\$ 444,5</b> 00	
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 615,600	
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 632,000	
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$2,635,000	

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Cority Software Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposals 1100 BDH3000, to provide a cloud-based software-as-a-service environment, health, safety and quality platform, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,625,000.

(Note: 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 no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. However, the recommended contractor identified subcontracting opportunities).

## Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

## Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

## Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$128,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

#### Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 BDH3000 for these goods and services. The solicitation issued on September 17, 2018 and it closed on October 23, 2018. Of the nine offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: <u>Solicitation Documents</u>.

# **Prior Council Action:**

#### For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Brett Hardy, at 512-322-6122 or <u>Brett.Hardy@austinenergy.com</u>.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

#### Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide Austin Energy with an incident management software system to manage compliance workflow related to environment, health, safety, and quality (EHSQ) requirements. The cloud-based software-as-a-service solution provides highly integrated and configurable workflows that will enable all Austin Energy employees to access, review, and provide feedback on relevant work documentation (e.g. policies, processes, procedures, data sheets, hazard analyses, etc.). In addition, it will help identify, manage,

and track incidents from initial notification through closure, manage environmental regulatory tasks, document and perform inspections, and identify and control risks and hazards. The platform will provide Austin Energy employees the ability to perform all of these functions via online/offline mobile application while in the field.

The software platform will allow Austin Energy:

- to directly improve the resiliency of its internal controls for maintaining compliance with local, state and federal EHSQ requirements and regulations;
- the transparency and oversight of its EHSQ management system processes;
- the awareness and communication it provides employees related to EHSQ risks and hazards; and
- its ability to trend, analyze, and report relevant data in a manner that can be used to make timely and effective decisions.

This is a new contract. An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Cority Software Inc. as the best to provide these services based on system concept and solution and program, background and demonstrated applicable experience and personnel, additional services, price, local business presence, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected, authorizing new contract negotiations.

#### Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract	
Term	of Term	<b>Authorization</b>	
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 587,000	
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 339,000	
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 233,000	
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 233,000	
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 233,000	
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$1,625,000	

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

## Posting Language

Approve ratification of a contract with NESCO Inc., for the seven-month lease of tracked bucket trucks, in the amount of \$284,000.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

# Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

# Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

## Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

# Purchasing Language:

Ratification and Critical Business Need.

# **Prior Council Action:**

## For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u> or to Julia Finn at 512-322-6060 or <u>Julia.Finn@austinenergy.com</u>.

# Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

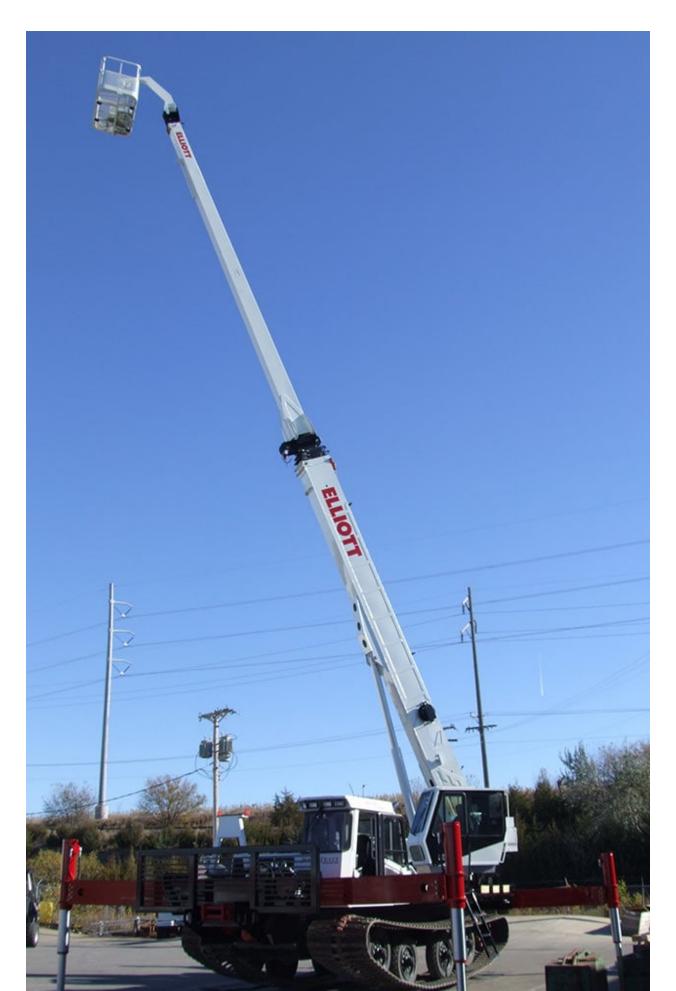
# Additional Backup Information:

The contract provides Austin Energy with two tracked bucket trucks to complete a capital improvement project to replace old conductor wire along Transmission Circuit 3122 between the Fayette Power Project and Austin Energy's Holman Substation. The work must be completed no later than November 15, 2019 to coincide with the Lower Colorado River Authority's planned outage at the plant. Due to the critical nature of this work and limited equipment availability, the trucks were rented while they were available.

Austin Energy installed new conductor on one-third of the 10-mile long circuit during a planned outage last year. The work was hampered by weather and terrain, and resulted in unsafe conditions for personnel, undue wear and tear on utility equipment and extremely slow work. The tracked bucket trucks travel more easily over rough or muddy terrain with less damage to private land. The specialized vehicles will allow Austin Energy personnel to drive to over 30 transmission structures along the circuit in a fraction of the time it takes to haul the utility's bucket trucks (with no tracks) on sleds or with bulldozers.



# ELLIOTT TRACKED BOOM TRUCK



# Item 9

# **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **City Council Meeting Date:**

August 8, 2019

#### Posting Language:

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with ASC, Inc., to provide structural steel, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$13,132,000.

(Note: This solicitation 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 solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

#### Lead Department:

Purchasing Office.

#### Client Department(s):

Austin Energy.

#### Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$437,734 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

#### Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 DNJ1006 for these goods. The solicitation issued on February 18, 2019 and it closed on March 28, 2019. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: <u>Solicitation Documents</u>.

#### For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Darralyn N. Johnson, at 512-505-7293 or darralyn.johnson@austinenergy.com.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

#### Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for various types of galvanized steel structures to be used in the modification and construction of substations throughout the Austin Energy service territory. These structures provide support for insulators and other related hardware and are required for service reliability improvement projects. These structures are an essential part of ensuring that electric service is provided reliably, safely and economically.

The recommended award is based on the overall lowest offer for all line items in the solicitation. The contract includes structures and associated components currently required by Austin Energy, those required

for Austin Energy's adjusted Capital Improvement Program projects for 2018-2022 and for contingencies for operations and maintenance.

# Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract
<u>Term</u>	of Term	<b>Authorization</b>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 2,626,400
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 2,626,400
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 2,626,400
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 2,626,400
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 2,626,400
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$13,132,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

## Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with W W Grainger Inc., to provide industrial supplies, equipment, tools, and services, for up to 53 months for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,702,750.

(Note: 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).

# Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

## Client Department(s)

All City departments.

#### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,302,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the departments 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 <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u> or to Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or <u>sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov</u>.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 10, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission. July 10, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission. July 15, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

# Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide a reliable source for the purchase of industrial supplies, equipment, and tools used by various City departments to repair and maintain facilities and equipment throughout the City. Staff will have quick and reliable access to all products available from W W Grainger's online ordering system. The list of items available to the City include a wide variety of repair and maintenance equipment and supplies that include, but are not limited to: electrical, plumbing, fleet vehicle maintenance shop and testing equipment, heating, ventilation and air conditioning system testing and maintenance equipment, janitorial equipment and cleaning supplies, electrical hand tools, hardware, safety equipment and supplies, small electrical motors and generators, lighting, and test instruments. The Sourcewell cooperative establishes 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 volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

The current contract expires October 21, 2019. The requested amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical, current, and projected spending data. The recommended contractor is one of the current providers for these goods.

#### Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract					
<u>Term</u>	of Term	Authorization					
Initial Term	41 mos.	\$19,887,750					
Optional Extension 1	12 mos.	\$ 5,815,000					
TOTAL	53 mos.	\$25,702,750					

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

# Department Estimates COOP - Grainger

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5 months	\$ 4,200	\$ 12,500	\$ 240,000	\$ 370,00	0 \$ 32,00	0 \$ 625,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,250	<b>\$ 12,5</b> 00	\$ 160,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 125,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 345,000	\$ 21,000	<b>\$</b> 172,100	\$ 42,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,442,750
Year 1	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 880,00	0 \$ 75,00	0 \$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 405,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,815,000
Year 2	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 880,00	0 \$ 75,00	0 \$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 405,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,815,000
Year 3	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 880,00	0 \$ 75,00	0 \$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 405,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,815,000
Year 4	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 880,00	0 \$ 75,00	0 \$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 825,000	<b>\$</b> 50,000	\$ 405,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,815,000
Total	\$ 44,200	\$ 132,500	\$ 2,480,000	\$ 3,890,000	\$ 332,00	\$ 6,625,000	\$ 2,210,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 66,250	\$ 132,500	\$ 1,680,000	\$ 287,000	\$ 22,100	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 22,100	\$ 3,645,000	\$ 221,000	\$ 1,792,100	\$ 442,000	\$ 89,000	\$ 25,702,750

# Item 11

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **City Council Meeting Date:**

August 8, 2019

#### Posting Language:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc., to provide threat intelligence software, for up to three years in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. (Note: This procurement 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 procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

#### Lead Department:

Purchasing Office.

## Client Department(s):

Austin Energy.

#### Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

#### Purchasing Language:

Multiple vendors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.

#### For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u> or to Scott Wilson at 512-322-6038 or <u>Scott.Wilson@austintexas.gov</u>.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

# Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for Recorded Future software products and services including maintenance support and training for Austin Energy. Recorded Future software collects and analyzes large amounts of data in order to deliver relevant cyber threat intelligence in real time and allows updating and patching systems to minimize critical impact and formulate an effective response to security threats. Austin Energy currently utilizes Splunk Enterprise Security software to provide threat intelligence information and security alert bulletins to identify suspicious activity on the network. Recorded Future software will augment the existing security software.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative establishes 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.

# Contract Detail:

Contract	Length	Contract				
<u>Term</u>	of Term	<b>Authorization</b>				
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$100,000				
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$100,000				
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$100,000				
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$300,000				

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

# Item 12

# **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **City Council Meeting Date**

August 22, 2019

## **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of approximately 5.110 acres or 222,572 sq. foot of land out of the Marquita Castro Survey No. 50, Abstract No. 160, situated in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of that called 38.73 acres of land described to Yager Hulsey, LLC, in that certain Special Warranty Deed recorded in Document No. 2018034315, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, for the relocation of a portion of Austin Energy Transmission Circuit 975, in an amount not to exceed \$333,000, including standard and customary closing costs.

## **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

## For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, VP Electric Service Delivery, (512) 505-7009; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442.

## Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on July 15, 2019.

#### Additional Backup Information:

The Transmission Circuit 975 Upgrade Project requires relocating a 2.9-mile portion of the circuit out of the Missouri-Kansas Railroad ("MOKAN") corridor. The portion to be relocated cannot be safely accessed for maintenance or construction purchases and it will not meet National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements.

The transmission line is being upgraded from a 2,000-amp rating to 3,000 amps to restore reliability caused by inadequate shielding and minimal phase-to-phase and phase-to-structure spacing. The new location along Howard Lane will provide increased safety and reliability for the public, customers and crews, and improved connectivity within the overall electric service system.

The current fair market value of the tract, as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser, is \$333,000. The property owner accepted the appraised value for the subject easement.

This property is located within the Austin 2-mile ETJ, in Travis County, Texas.

Proposed Electric Transmission and Distribution Easement for Austin Energy Transmission Circuit 975 Partial Relocation Owner: Yager Hulsey, LLC - Tract #20 Location: East Yager Lane

Proposed Easements 2018 Aerial Imagery, City of Austin N AE Public Involvement & Real Estate Services 0 500 1,000 Ft

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# Item 13

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **City Council Meeting Date:**

August 22, 2019

## **Posting Language:**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of a 0.0582 acre (2,536 square feet) tract of land, situation in the J. Applegait Survey No. 58, being a portion of Lots 1-5 and 6, Block G, Mockingbird Hill Section One, a subdivision recorded in Volume 5, Page 159, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and conveyed to Kanton Labaj in Document No. 2000197463, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$53,436, for the public purpose of electric transmission and distribution facilities necessary to upgrade Transmission Circuit 811. The owner of the property interests are Kanton Labaj, Piper Labaj, Stephen Welsh, Alvie Weed, Jr., R.V. Muckelroy and Margaret L. Muckelroy, Doris Welsh, George R. Somerville III, Trustee for BCAS, Ltd., Donald Perschbacker, Trustee for Guaranty Bank, and Third Coast Auto Group LP. The property is located at 10631 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin, Texas. (Council District 4)

## Fiscal Note:

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

## For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, VP Electric Service Delivery, (512) 505-7009; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442.

#### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on July 15, 2019.

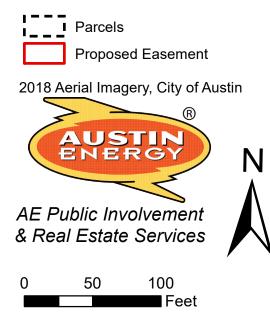
# Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy is upgrading the four-mile Transmission Circuit 811 from 69kV to 138kV to provide redundancy to increase the safety and reliability of the electric service system and improve system performance.

Additional easement widths are necessary for safety and clearance requirements pursuant to the National Electric Safety Code, and for access and maintenance of Circuit 811. Austin Energy identified 103 easement tracts necessary for this upgrade project. To date, 34 property owners have accepted appraised values; 19 are unwilling to accept the appraised values; and 50 are in negotiations.

The current fair market value of the subject tract, as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser, is \$53,436. The City attempted to purchase the needed property for this amount, however; the City and the property owner were unable to agree on the value of the tract. The Law Department requests authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.

# Proposed Easement at Kanton Labaj Tract #87



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# Item 14

#### **RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **Council Meeting Date:**

August 22, 2019

## **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of approximately 0.034 of one acre (1,485 square feet) parcel of land situated in the J. P. Wallace Survey, in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of Lot 6, Block No. 1, Fiskville School Addition, recorded in Volume 4, Page 169, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, said Lot 6 being described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien to Ilario A. Rendon and Valeria Rendon, recorded in Document No. 2003157507, Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$33,974. The owners of the property interest are Ilario A. Rendon and Valeria Rendon, and Adam Garza, Trustee, on behalf of The Laredo National Bank. The property is located at 8701 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin, Texas. (Council District 4)

#### **Fiscal Note:**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

#### For More Information:

Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, VP Electric Service Delivery, (512) 505-7009; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442.

#### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on July 15, 2019.

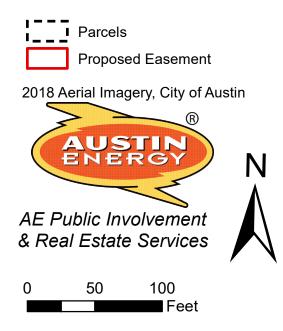
#### Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy is upgrading the four-mile Transmission Circuit 811 from 69kV to 138kV to provide redundancy to increase the safety and reliability of the electric service system and improve system performance.

Additional easement widths are necessary for safety and clearance requirements pursuant to the National Electric Safety Code, and for access and maintenance of Circuit 811. Austin Energy identified 103 easement tracts necessary for this upgrade project. To date, 34 property owners have accepted appraised values; 19 are unwilling to accept the appraised values; and 50 are in negotiations.

The current fair market value of the subject tract, as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser, is \$33,974. The City attempted to purchase the needed property for this amount however; the City and the property owner were unable to agree on the value of the tract. The Law Department requests authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.

Proposed Easement at Ilario A. Rendon Tract #32



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### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc., or other qualified offeror to Request for Proposals 1100 DMD3004, to provide a comprehensive, system-wide inventory of utility poles and communications attachments, in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.

(Note: 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 services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

# Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

## Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

## Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

#### Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 DMD3004 for these services. The solicitation issued on December 24, 2018 and it closed on January 31, 2019. Of the 11 offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: <u>Solicitation Documents</u>.

# **Prior Council Action:**

# For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Sandy Brandt, at 512-322-6594 or <u>Sandy.Brandt@austintexas.gov</u>.

# Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

# Additional Backup Information:

The contract is to conduct a comprehensive inventory of approximately 130,000 distribution utility poles and an estimated 310,000 communications attachments in Austin Energy's 437+ square-mile service area.

Telecommunication, cable, and data providers access Austin Energy's infrastructure to disseminate subscriber services to the public. This inventory will provide Austin Energy with pole characteristics (height, class, number) and communications attachment information including: type; owner and location on the pole;

violation type (double pole, guy wire, distance); attachment tags; transfers; and photos. An accurate pole attachment inventory affects annual billed revenues estimated at \$3.5 million. This inventory is necessary to:

- Ensure poles are not overloaded, which could pose a safety risk to Austin Energy and private-sector communications personnel, and the public;
- Monitor compliance with National Electric Safety Codes and promptly rectify violations;
- Determine accurate billing for use of utility poles and avoid lost revenue; and
- Assess whether utility infrastructure is being maintained in a way that promotes longevity of utility assets.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Davey Resource Group, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on demonstrated applicable experience and personnel, price, solution and project management structure, local business presence, and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected, authorizing new contract negotiations.

# Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with International Institute for Learning Inc., to provide project management professional development training, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.

(Note: 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 services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

# Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

## Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

## Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 1100 PAB3001 for these services. The solicitation was issued on January 21, 2019 and it closed on February 19, 2019. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: <u>Solicitation Documents</u>.

# **Prior Council Action:**

# For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Paula Barriffe, at 512-322-6118 or Paula.Barriffe@austinenergy.com.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

# Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide professional development training for Austin Energy project management staff. Project managers at Austin Energy are required to obtain and maintain Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, which is a globally recognized standard. The contractor will provide online training as well as classroom training at Austin Energy facilities. Course material will be specific to Austin Energy's needs, focusing on the management of construction, installation, design-build, information technology, and professional services projects. Project Management Professional (PMP) certification signifies that employees have the requisite knowledge and skills needed to manage a diverse set of projects, in a structured, repeatable format. It ensures that the employee is adept in stakeholder management, communication management, scope management, budget management, schedule management, and change management, among other areas. Austin Energy currently retains a staff of approximately 70 employees with PMP certification.

The current contract expires on August 11, 2019. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these services.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored International Institute for Learning Inc. as the best to provide these services based on experience and qualification, proposed solution and program plan, price, local business preference, and service disabled veteran business enterprise.

#### Contract Detail:

Contract <u>Term</u>	Length <u>of Term</u>	Contract <u>Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 80,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 80,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 80,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 80,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 80,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$400,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.