

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 7, 2017

Item Number: **016**

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to the Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP232, to provide engineering services for the design of a future downtown gas-insulated switchgear substation, in an amount to exceed \$1,400,000. (Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B [Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program] by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.)

District(s) Affected: District 9

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| <p>Lead Department</p> | <p>Capital Contracting Office</p> <p><u>Managing Department(s)</u> Austin Energy</p> |
| <p>Fiscal Note</p> | <p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.</p> |
| <p>Purchasing Language</p> | <p>Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of three firms evaluated through the City’s qualification-based selection process.</p> |
| <p>For More Information</p> | <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> |

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| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action | November 13, 2017 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Fath and Hadden absent, and with two vacancies. |
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Additional Backup Information:

A new Austin Energy substation is required to serve the Central Business District and potential redevelopment along the Waller Creek area. The need for a new substation was presented at the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting on October 16, 2017. The 35-kilovolt network circuits in the Waller Creek area are now supplied out of the Seaholm and Brackenridge substations. Completing a new substation before additional downtown development is completed is critical to support increasing customer energy demands. Additionally, the new substation will support the load transfers necessary to allow upgrades to the Brackenridge substation and convert 69-kilovolt facilities in the area to 138-kilovolt operations.

The selected firm will provide preliminary engineering, design, bidding, construction, and warranty phase services for the new gas insulated switchgear substation. The selected firm will also conduct a community assessment and will obtain input from community stakeholders in conjunction with Austin Energy.

A delay in this award may negatively affect Austin Energy’s ability to keep up with the demand for energy in the Central Business District.

This authorization provides for funding of the above listed services. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified responder may be selected, authorizing contract negotiations with that provider.

TOP RANKED FIRM: STANLEY CONSULTANTS, INC. is located in Austin, Texas

SECOND RANKED FIRM: BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING CO., INC. is located in Austin, TX

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=120048>.

