



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1395, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

3/12/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following five staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP288: HDR Engineering, Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Stanley Consultants, Inc., Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., and Jose I. Guerra, Inc. (MBE) for engineering and technical services for the 2020 Engineering Services for Austin Energy Plants and Distribution Systems Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.

[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 13.70% MBE and 13.80% WBE participation.].

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

### **Managing Department**

Austin Energy

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019- 2020 Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is selection of the five most qualified firms out of seven firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

### **For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>.

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Beverly Mendez, 512-974-3596, or the Project Manager, James Matlock, 512-322-6273.

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

February 10, 2020 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Collier-Brown, Funkhouser, and Stone absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

As a standard business practice, the City routinely engages the services of professional engineering firms to perform analysis, design and support services associated with construction or improvement of City capital assets. Rotation List contracting allows the City to always have a group of qualified consultants available to

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perform a specific type of recurring work in a timely manner to meet the project and operational needs of the City.

Prior to issuing, this solicitation was reviewed by the City's Rotation List Advisory Committee, which is made up of staff from the Capital Contracting Office, Small and Minority Business Resource Department, Public Works Department, and other user departments. The total authorization amount, the number of firms to be recommended for selection, and the authorization amount per firm were discussed and reviewed by the Committee. The Capital Contracting Office expects that user departments will require these services to meet current and future engineering and technical service needs. These projects will require external engineering and technical services to properly plan, evaluate, design, and implement.

Austin Energy currently owns and operates four chilled water plants in the downtown, Mueller and Domain areas, with additional plants under construction downtown and at the Austin Community College Highland Campus. The currently operating plants provide chilled water to 68 customers, including City Hall, the new City main library, offices buildings, hotels and residential buildings. Due to the city's population expansion, Austin Energy is experiencing some of the most dramatic growth opportunities for its chilled water program.

The selected firms will provide specialized engineering and associated technical services necessary for planning, analysis, design and construction management for improvements, additions, and upgrades to Austin Energy's chilled water plants and distribution/transmission systems, including customer connections to increase system load and/or improving overall operations, efficiency and reliability. Approving the engineering services rotation list is crucial to the effective and efficient delivery of service to customers. A delay in awarding these contracts may significantly impact Austin Energy's ability to meet customer requirements in delivering these services. In addition, Austin Energy does not anticipate public engagement being required for these types of projects.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the five recommended firms until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. Per firm authorizations may be increased or decreased, through the life of the contract, based on the needs of a particular assignment and will follow the established rotation list policies and procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

**RECOMMENDED FIRMS:**

HDR Engineering, Inc., is located in Austin, TX  
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., is located in Austin, TX  
Stanley Consultants, Inc., is located in Austin, TX  
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., is located in Austin, TX  
Jose I. Guerra, Inc., is located in Austin, TX (MBE/MH)

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