



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2632, **Agenda Item #:** 53.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Davey Resource Group Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposals 1100 EAL3010, to provide pre-planning services for vegetation management around utility lines specific to distribution electrical facilities, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$17,500,000.

(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 \$291,667 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 EAL3010 for these services. The solicitation issued on December 23, 2019, and it closed on February 11, 2020. 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: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=133978)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=133978>.

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>>

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@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Liz.Lock@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 10, 2020 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Hadden and Stone off the dais, Commissioner Wray absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide pre-planning services for vegetation management around utility lines specific to distribution electrical facilities. These services include managing and assigning work to vegetation contractors, quality control audits, notification and discussion with property owners, and development of vegetation management work plans to Austin Energy. Components of the distribution vegetation management program include capital improvement projects, distribution maintenance on circuit, grid, or substation facilities, individual customer requests in relation to outages or complaints, after-hours or storm restoration events, and vegetation suppression.

This is a new contract. Currently pre-planning services are included in Austin Energy's distribution energized line clearance contract, which expires January 16, 2021.

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 program, experience and qualifications, price, local 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:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 7,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 3,500,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 3,500,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 3,500,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$17,500,000

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.