



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3259, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Absolute Testing Services Inc., to provide installation, repair and testing of electrical systems for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

(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 \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 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 SMB1010 for these services. The solicitation issued on June 29, 2020 and it closed on July 28, 2020. Of the four 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: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134078)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134078>.

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 Persons: DeJuan Brown, at 512-322-6472 or DeJuan.Brown@austintexas.gov <<mailto:DeJuan.Brown@austintexas.gov>> or Julia Finn, at 512-322-6060 or Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Julia.Finn@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

October 12, 2020 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioner Hadden off the dais and Commissioners Funkhouser, Stone and Wray absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide new equipment installation, repairs, and electrical testing on an as needed basis for the electrical systems located within Austin Energy's district cooling plants. District cooling plants provide customers with chilled water, which is a more efficient, environmentally friendly, and affordable way to cool buildings than traditional air conditioning.

This is a new contract. Previously, these services were contracted on an individual job basis.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 600,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 300,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 300,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 300,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$1,500,000

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

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