



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1279, Agenda Item #: 17.

3/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following two staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP312: HDR Engineering, Inc. and POWER Engineers, Inc., for engineering services for the Austin Energy Staff Augmentation Engineering and Related Engineering Services for the Electric System Engineering and Technical Services Rotation List in an amount not to exceed \$25,875,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with HDR Engineering, Inc. meeting the goals of 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation and POWER Engineers, Inc. achieving Good Faith Efforts with 13.90% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is based on the two most qualified firms out of 16 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>>.

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261; or the Project Manager, Tara Delagarza, 512- 505-7175.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 8, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Ferchill, Funkhouser and Wray 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 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 Austin Energy. 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 department will require these services to meet current and future transmission, substation, and distribution electrical engineering and associated supporting engineering needs.

The selected firms will serve as a professional consultant for Austin Energy, providing technical consultation and advice for the Electric System Engineering and Technical Services group of Austin Energy. Services will generally include producing turnkey project and construction drawing packages, as well as providing engineering, technical and drafting personnel to augment Austin Energy staff at Austin Energy workspaces.

Anticipated services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Transmission Design
- Substation Design
- Relay Design
- Protection Design
- Planning Analysis
- Distribution Design
- Equipment and Materials Analysis
- Construction Materials Testing, Subsurface Utility Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Services
- Civil Engineering
- Land Surveying Services
- Right-of-Way Appraisal and Acquisition Services

A delay in this award may negatively impact Austin Energy's ability to meet the demand for services.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the two 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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Government That Works for All