



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1419, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

3/25/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP310 to provide engineering services for the Relay and Protection Engineering Services for Electric System Engineering and Technical Services project in amount not to exceed \$2,935,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No goals were established for this solicitation.]

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

### **Managing Department**

Austin Energy

### **Fiscal Note**

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

### **Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of 20 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, Beverly Mendez, 512-974-3596, or the Project Manager, Tara Delagarza, 512-505-7175.

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

March 8, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Hadden off the dais, Commissioners Funkhouser, Reed and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

AE has previously procured these services in larger, and more broadly scoped stand-alone consultant contracts. Due to the more specialized nature of this work, AE has determined it was necessary to isolate this scope of services to obtain a consultant that can distinctively focus on these services.

The selected firm shall serve as a Relay and Protection Engineering professional consultant and shall provide technical consultation and advice to the Electric System Engineering and Technical Services group of Austin Energy. The firm will produce turnkey project and construction drawing packages for engineering and design of existing and new protective relay and control systems for Austin Energy's transmission, substation, and

distribution system.

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

A delay in this award could impact Austin Energy's ability to keep up with the service demands.

**TOP RANKED FIRM:** Stanley Consultants, Inc., is located in Austin, Texas

**SECOND RANKED FIRM:** HDR Engineering, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Government That Works for All