



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1584, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

4/22/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Austin Underground, Inc. (MBE), for the 301 W. 20th - Duct Bank WR project in the amount of \$542,120 plus a \$54,212 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$596,332.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 98.08% MBE and 1.75% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of two bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

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; Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423; or the Project Manager, Larry Mendez, 512-974-7124.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission April 12, 2021.

Additional Backup Information:

The existing duct bank conduits have collapsed in this area and Austin Energy can no longer install conductive or electrical cables through the conduits due to the collapse. To maintain reliable electricity, a new duct bank is needed for electrical distribution and to facilitate the installation of an underground feeder in the new conduit that will be installed.

The work consists of supplementing approximately 800 linear feet of Orangeburg conduits with nine new 5-inch ducts from 301 W. 20th Street to 105 W. 20th Street. The duct bank will connect to the existing manholes in W. 20th Street and terminate with two 5-inch ducts to a future riser.

During construction there will be lane closures and detours. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour

signs and barricades to direct traffic.

A delay in the approval of this contract will limit the distribution of electricity to surrounding buildings.

Due to the potential for unforeseen underground conflicts, a 10% contingency has been included in the funding to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

The contract allows 270 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78705 (District 9).

Austin Underground, Inc. (MBE/MH) is located in Lago Vista, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety