



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2333, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Southwest Corporation, for the Cistern Substation Control Enclosure project in the amount of \$498,461.00 plus a \$49,846.10 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$548,307.10. RELATED TO ITEM 21-2378

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievement of Good Faith Efforts with 1.60 MBE% and 0.10% 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:

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, Ming Xu, 512-666-4277.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Trostle off the dais, Commissioners Hadden, Stone and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy is constructing a new 345 kV cistern substation in Rosanky, TX, which connects the 218 MW Big Star solar farm currently developed by the RWE Renewable America LLC to the transmission grid. Austin Energy does not own the solar farm and will not purchase any power from it. Austin Energy commits to the customer in the interconnection agreement that the substation will be energized in January 2022. The control enclosure in this construction contract is needed to house control and communication equipment. It typically takes four months to build the control enclosure, which needs to be completed before middle December 2021.

Due to the potential increase in material and labor costs, a 10% contingency in funding has been included 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 120 calendar days for substantial completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78953, outside Austin Energy's service territory.

Southwest Corporation is located in Austin, TX

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Mobility; Government that Works for All