



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1010, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

2/3/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. to provide an energy transmission study, resource planning, and market risk study, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$800,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Service.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 10, 2022 - The Electric Utility Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide consulting services for a short-term and long-term integrated transmission study, resource planning and a market risk study for Austin Energy. The contractor will evaluate the transmission and distribution system and resource planning needs to support implementation of Austin Energy's Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan to 2030 adopted by Council in March 2020. The goal of the study is to identify potential system improvements to ensure the continued safe and reliable delivery of power to Austin Energy's electric customers with a focus on risk management and resiliency.

Due to the sensitive nature and highly specialized skills required to perform these services, staff vetted the available sources to determine which contractor was most qualified to provide the required analysis.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.