



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-2209, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

11/6/2025

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for construction services for the Fifth Street and Nueces Emergency Chilled Water Line Repairs Project for Austin Energy with Primoris Energy Services Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,206,947. Funding: \$1,206,947 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Managing Department

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Procurement Language:

Ratification.

MBE/WBE:

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The requested action is for Council to ratify the contract with Primoris Energy Services Corporation, which has been procured under the authority of Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code as a procurement necessary to protect or preserve the public health and safety of the citizens of Austin.

Austin Energy's chilled water service to downtown customers experienced a leak to the underground piping network that was discovered in the Fifth Street chilled water transmission line between Rio Grande Street and Nueces Street. The leak was exposed when visible chemically treated chilled water was flowing into storm sewers, potentially increasing cracks to infrastructure. The underground leak had the potential of creating further damage such as a sinkhole and damage to the pavement. The exact cause and location of the leak needed to be identified and repaired immediately. Therefore, a contract was executed to identify and repair the leaking chilled water lines. The project was successful in resolving the leak and avoiding the associated risks.