



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5377, **Agenda Item #:** 25.

9/12/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for control systems upgrade consulting services with Qualus, LLC, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$560,000.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$460,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Services.

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation 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 solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

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

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 12, 2024 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 8-0 with Chair Tuttle and Vice Chair White absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract is for consulting services for the upgrade of Austin Energy's supervisory control and data acquisition/energy management system which provides the monitoring and control capability to the transmission and distribution electrical grid. The energy management system provides advanced engineering applications allowing staff to analyze and make system operational decisions based on collected data. The Qualus team is a registered partner with proven experience of successfully supporting upgrades of this magnitude and complexity.

Without this contract Austin Energy would potentially incur risks related to project timeline and quality.

