



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1711, Agenda Item #: 21.

9/11/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for arc flash study, hazard assessment, and mitigation consulting services for Austin Energy with E-hazard Management, LLC, for an initial term of one year with up to four 1-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. Funding: \$1,000,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Qualifications Statements solicitation RFQS 1100 DCM4005 for these services. The solicitation was issued on December 9, 2024, and closed on February 6, 2025. Of the 26 offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=141807.

MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded in accordance with the 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. However, the recommended contractor identified subcontracting opportunities.

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. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 11, 2025 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Alvarez and Reed off the dais and Chair Tuttle absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract is for system-wide arc flash studies as well as hazard assessment and mitigation consulting services for Austin Energy's electrical systems and all physical buildings. An arc flash is a type of electrical explosion that is caused by a fault in an electrical system. The scope of services includes all engineering work necessary to complete the arc flash study, such as short-circuit analysis, equipment evaluation, and coordination studies. Findings from the study will inform the development of a detailed hazard assessment and will guide implementation of hazard mitigation strategies, including safe work practices and policy updates.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored E-hazard Management, LLC as the best to provide these services based on qualifications and experience.

This is a new contract. Without this contract, Austin Energy will be unable to ensure effective protection against arc flash hazards.

Contract Details:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	1 year	\$1,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$800,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$400,000
Optional Extension 3	1 year	\$400,000
Optional Extension 4	1 year	\$400,000
Total	5 years	\$3,000,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated