

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13P RFP 24-0188 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLAN JF ENV

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreement with Ameresco, Inc. for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan for a Two-Year Term in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00 Using the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 2021 for the Environmental Services Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Ameresco, Inc. for an energy efficiency and conservation plan for a two-year term in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 using the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 2021 for the Environmental Services Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Environmental Services Department approached the Purchasing Division to procure an agreement for the development of an energy efficiency and conservation plan for City-owned facilities and systems. This plan will establish energy usage goals, identify and prioritize energy reduction strategies, and conduct energy audits. Findings from the energy audits will aid in identifying and prioritizing recommended energy conservation measures or strategies for enhancing energy performance in City facilities. In order to procure these services, Purchasing staff issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 24-0188. The RFP consisted of detailed specifications describing the proposed responsibilities and service requirements.

The bid was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on April 24, 2024, May 1, 2024, May 8, 2024, May 15, 2024, and May 22, 2024. The City received three (3) responses.

An evaluation panel consisting of representatives from the Environmental Services Department, Property Management Department, Transportation Public Works Department, and the Aviation Department reviewed and scored the proposals using Best Value criteria. The individual scores were averaged for each of the criteria and the final scores are listed in the table below. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of services would be purchased.

Bidder	Evaluation Factors						Rank
	a	b	c	d	e	Total Score	
Ameresco, Inc.	21.88	13.13	8.00	20.63	21.88	85.50	1
Noresco, Inc.	21.88	11.63	8.50	19.38	21.88	83.25	2
Johnson Controls, Inc.	21.25	12.00	8.75	20.00	20.00	82.00	3

Best Value Criteria:

- a. Consultants Familiarity, References, and Experience Delivering similar work to Municipalities
- b. Previously Completed Energy Conservation Project
- c. Qualifications and Experience of Key Team Members
- d. Capacity and Ability to Perform the Work
- e. Project approach to meet the City’s needs

After evaluation, the panel concluded that Ameresco, Inc. presented the best value to the City. Therefore, the panel recommends that the City Council authorize an agreement to develop an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan to evaluate the current energy performance of selected key facilities and systems with Ameresco, Inc. Staff certifies that the recommended vendor met the proposal specifications.

In June 2023, the City Council approved the application and acceptance of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the United States Department of Energy in an amount up to \$785,490.00 (Mayor and Council Communication 23-0562). This grant will fund the creation of a plan for energy efficiency, energy conservation, and energy usage goals for the City. In addition, funding will be allocated to support public education and outreach about energy efficiency and other related important information (e.g., available tax rebates and tax credits for residents).

FUNDING: The maximum amount allowed under the agreement will be \$200,000.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on the needs of the department and available budget.

Department	Agreement Total Amount	Account Name

Environmental Services	\$200,000.00	Other Contractual Services
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Funding is budgeted in the Environmental Department's Grant Operating Federal Fund Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the purpose of funding the project, as appropriated.

DVIN-BE: A waiver of the goal for Business Equity subcontracting requirement is approved by the DVIN-BE, in accordance with the Business Equity Ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

AGREEMENT TERMS: Upon City Council approval, this agreement shall begin upon execution and expire two (2) years from that date.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a publicly-traded business entity or a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly-traded business entity: Ameresco, Inc.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Environmental Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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