



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

March 25, 2020

Agenda No.:	6.B.
Indexes (Council Goals):	DPU FY2020 - 1.0 Provide Safe and Reliable Utility Services
Presenters:	James Alarid
Legislative File:	AGR0661-20

Title

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR20-16 with Sanbros Corporation in the amount of \$199,000.00, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of On-Call Electrical Contractor Services in Support of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation

Recommended Action

I move that the Board of Public Utilities approve Services Agreement No. AGR20-16 with Sanbros Corporation in the amount of \$199,000.00, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of On-Call Electrical Contractor Services.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve as presented.

Body

As the electric meters are being replaced during the AMI implementation, we anticipate some meter bases will not be up to code. The meter base is the property of the customer. When DPU becomes aware of a code violation associated with the meter base, the normal protocol is for the service to be disconnected until the code violation has been corrected. Work on the customer's electric system must be completed by a licensed electrician and such work must be inspected and approved by New Mexico Construction Industries (CID) prior to DPU installing the meter. To minimize the time a customer will be out of service, we will have the on-call licensed electrician available to make the necessary repairs to the meter base, permit the work through CID and acquire the necessary CID inspection. We anticipate there may be 25 - 50 non-compliant meter bases encountered.

Alternatives

If the agreement is not approved, a customer would have to acquire the services of a licensed electrician to make the repair of code violation encountered. It could take days for a customer to schedule the work, dependent on the availability of the electricians.

Fiscal and Staff Impact

These services will be a small expense to the project as compared to the risk of damages and claims that may result in the event of an extended electric outage incurred by customers.

Attachments

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