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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	31829	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	April 17, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to the contract with POWERPLAN CONSULTANTS, INC., for the purchase of software upgrades and continued maintenance and support services for Austin Energy's utility asset accounting software, PowerPlant, to add five one-year extension options in amounts not to exceed \$885,499, \$345,758, \$359,588, \$373,972 and \$388,930 respectively, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$4,017,247.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$260,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the additional extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Contract Amendment
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Prior Council Action:	May 14, 2009 - Approved original contract. December 17, 2009 - Approved contract Amendment No. 1.
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For More Information:	Jim Howard, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-322-6307
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Boards and Commission Action:	March 17, 2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract with PowerPlan Consultants, Inc., Atlanta, GA, is required for Austin Energy's utility asset accounting software called PowerPlant, and includes maintenance and support.

In June of 2008, Austin Energy was assigned the PowerPlant software as part of the purchase of IBM's Maximo software which is a work and material management system that captures detailed costs by job. In May 2009, Council approved a contract for the associated software maintenance and support services for one year with four one-year options. In March of 2009, Council approved a contract amendment to increase the contract amount to provide additional system functionalities necessary due to regulatory requirements by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

This proposed amendment will provide an extension of the software maintenance for five years and allow for related upgrades and fixes, support, and technical maintenance necessary for the application.

This amendment includes new modules for project budgeting and asset analytics. The project budgeting module will enhance budgeting of power plant projects and allow for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) reporting for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) analysis. The project budgeting module will be used in conjunction with e-Capris budget software to comply with City of Austin policies. Austin Energy is continually configuring and improving the functionality of Maximo and PowerPlant software and of Advantage software, the City of Austin's financial system. The asset analytics module will provide data analysis and models for better asset and depreciation record keeping in accordance with FERC and ERCOT policies. The PowerPlant software is necessary to complete the ERCOT-mandated requirements critical to Austin Energy's participation in the ERCOT Nodal Market.

PowerPlan Consultants, Inc. is the only company that provides maintenance and upgrades on their proprietary PowerPlant software and source code.

CONTRACT SUMMARY

<u>Action</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Assignment at no cost from IBM 03/28/2008		\$0.00
Original Contract Awarded 04/01/2009-03/31/2010	Original 12-month contract	\$122,500.00
Amendment No. 1	RCA 03/23/2009, Technical Services	\$1,000,000.00
Amendment No. 2:	Exercise extension option 1	\$127,400.00
Amendment No. 3	Exercise extension option 2	\$132,496.00
Amendment No. 4	Exercise extension option 3	\$137,796.00
Amendment No. 5	Exercise extension option 4	\$143,308.00
Amendment No. 6	Premier Support	\$0.00
Amendment No. 7	Extension (04/01/2014-04/18/2014)	\$0.00
Proposed		

Amendment No. 8	Add upgrades and exercise 12-month extension option 5	\$885,499.00
Future Amendments	Add four additional 12-month extension options as shown below	
	Sixth 12-month extension option	\$345,758.00
	Seventh 12-month extension option	\$359,588.00
	Eighth 12-month extension option	\$373,972.00
	Ninth 12-month extension option	\$388,930.00
Total Revised Contract Amount		\$4,017,247.00