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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

47816

Agenda Number

39.

Meeting Date:

August 20, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract through the Texas Department of Information Resources with RFD & ASSOCIATES, INC. (Women-Owned Business Enterprise), to provide unlimited software licensing, software maintenance, hardware support, and professional services in an amount not to exceed \$11,467,950.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,966,500 is contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$961,750 is contingent upon the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Communications and Technology Management. Funding in the amount of \$110,094 is contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining 24 months of the contract is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Cooperative Purchase

Prior Council Action:



For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

August 12, 2015 – Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote.
August 17, 2015 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This cooperative contract will be 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.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for an Oracle unlimited license agreement (ULA), software maintenance, hardware support, and professional services. The City uses Oracle software for the operation and support of over 200 essential business capability applications city-wide, transcending all major departments, supporting critical services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for Public Safety, Austin Energy, Austin Water, Financial Services, and other enterprise departments.

The ULA offers the opportunity to deploy unlimited software licenses and provide for future growth. The Oracle software will promote smart technology decisions and support best practices in a number of areas towards modernization of the City's information systems, disaster recovery, secondary data centers, information technology standardization, and upgrades of multi-core processors, which will reduce complexity and lower costs over the period of the contract. This method of purchasing unlimited licenses provides a mechanism for the City to deploy unlimited licenses from a list of essential Oracle products that the City considers critical for security and performance of the database systems. This contract also includes the spending authority for support costs for the City's existing Oracle products through the duration of this contract period. There will also be fixed price holds for additional licenses purchased within the contract period as well as \$40,000 worth of training credits and 750 hours of consulting credits.

The State Department of Information Resources (DIR) establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a Cooperative Contract. The DIR cooperative contracts save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of technology contracts through a streamlined Cooperative purchasing program. RFD & Associates Inc. is certified with the City as a Women-owned Business Enterprise and located in Austin, Texas.

By terminating the current contract four months early and entering into a new multi-year contract, effective September 1, 2015, the City will save \$8,000,000 on licensing fees, receive a 59% discount on selected products for one year, and have access to a new suite of products that are critical for security and performance of the database systems.