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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

50864

Agenda Number

28.

Meeting Date:

October 15, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 6 to a contract with SOCRATA, INC. to add 60 months to the contract term and expand the vendor-hosted open data platform services in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,410,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$240,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department. Funding for the remaining 48 months of the initial contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing
Language:

Contract amendment.

Prior Council
Action:

October 20, 2011 – Approved original contract, item 40.

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract was awarded as a sole source and is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.

Additional Backup Information

The amendment is for Socrata, the technology platform that hosts the City's Open Data Portal. The portal is a key component of the City Manager's Open Data Directive/Initiative that was put into place in response to Council Resolution 20111208-74. The portal provides Council and the public with more accessible performance data, transparency and opportunities for collaboration.

In an ongoing effort to provide transparency, participation, and collaboration in government, the City is moving forward with expansion of the City Data Portal. Examples of data provided through municipal portals include crime statistics, transportation data, financial data, geospatial data, and general data subject to Public Information Act requests.

This portal makes City data available in a variety of industry-standard formats and reaches three key user groups: 'average' website users, researchers, and software application developers. Furthermore, this interface provides accessible data sorting, searching, and filtering capabilities as well as community features for dataset commenting, rating, and discussion.

The portal was expected to increase in size and scope as more datasets became available from departments. The portal has been in operation since 2011 and is due for renewal and enhanced services to meet the new goals of the City. Included in this amendment is the addition of five instances of the Socrata platform (increase from one currently), the addition of the Open Performance module used to create dashboards for performance measurements, and enterprise level support from the vendor.

Socrata is the only solution with an application programming interface which allows the ability for a variety of user options to view, filter, and consume the raw data made available on the portal. In addition, the Socrata solution is the only one that provides the capability to push data into the Federal data catalogue, uses standard Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) integration (ESRI is the City standard for Geographic Information System data), and contains social features encouraging participation and collaboration online. Socrata owns all intellectual property related to this interface and does not allow others to provide support.

By executing the new contract before the current contract expires on November 9, 2015, the City will save over \$80,000 on licenses for the first year.

CONTRACT SUMMARY

Action	Description	Amount
Original Contract Authorization October 20, 2011	12-month agreement with (4) 12-month extension options	\$66,000
Amendment No. 1 January 10, 2012	Performance requirements added	\$0.00
Amendment No. 2 November 7, 2012	Extension Option # 1	\$36,000
Amendment No. 3 November 6, 2013	Extension Option # 2	\$36,000
Amendment No. 4 October 30, 2014	Extension Option # 3	\$36,000

Amendment No 5 June 24, 2015	Additional Services added, administrative increase	\$17,000	
Proposed Amendment No. 6	Add 60 months to the contract term and expand the vendor- hosted open data platform services; remove final extension option and \$36,000	\$1,200,000	
Contract Total		\$1,391,000	