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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

54037

Agenda Number

44.

Meeting Date:

January 28, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the contract with GE GRID SOLUTIONS, LLC to provide continued maintenance and support of GE Smallworld Electric Office software to add five one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$380,000 per extension option, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$4,904,061.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$253,334 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining four months of the current contract period and extension options 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:

July 29, 2010 - Approved original contract, item # 50.

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

January 25, 2016 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

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

Additional Backup Information

The contract provides software maintenance and support services of GE Smallworld Electric Office software, including software updates, technical bulletins, software patches, technical support and troubleshooting services. GE Smallworld Electric Office is a geographical information system (GIS) software used by Austin Energy to manage its electrical distribution system for continued reliable service to customers.

This critical software is a required component of the outage analysis system used by Austin Energy. The software provides the foundation of the operational GIS that allows Austin Energy to monitor outage locations and crews, and maintain daily electric distribution circuit configuration. Austin Energy relies on this software application to store and access spatial information pertaining to its electric distribution system. The software application allows for spatial data input that reflects the current distribution system.

The GIS software is also utilized by Austin Energy to design distribution construction projects and identify right-of-way corridors that require vegetation management activities.

The GE Smallworld Electric Office is a critical and an integral part of the technology used by Austin Energy to deliver excellent customer service, high system reliability and operational efficiency, while maintaining forecastable operating costs. GE Grid Solutions, LLC is the sole source provider of maintenance and support of this proprietary software. The current contract expires on February 29, 2016.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION SUMMARY

Action	Description	Amount
Council Authorization July 29, 2010, item # 50	Original Authorization	\$2,891,062
Administrative Amendment March 30, 2012	Increase of Authorization	\$54,999
Administrative Amendment September 30, 2015	Increase of Authorization	\$58,000
Proposed Amendment	Add five one-year extension options	\$1,900,000
	Revised Total Contract Authorization	\$4,904,061