



**Recommendation for
Water & Wastewater Commission**

Commission Meeting Date:	August 10, 2016
Council Meeting Date:	September 1, 2016
Department:	Purchasing
SUBJECT	
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2016-2017 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of computer software and software maintenance and support in an amount not to exceed \$16,686,867. This is a multi-department contract. Austin Water's requested authorization is \$975,000.</p>	
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING	
<p>Funding is contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding is contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of Austin Water.</p>	
Purchasing Language:	<p>The State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contracts are Cooperative contracts solicited by the State of Texas specific to Information Technology items and services. When a need is determined, Purchasing Office staff will review quotes from multiple vendors with DIR contracts to ensure the best value for the City. Best value evaluations will include prices as well as local presence and MBE/WBE inclusion.</p>
Prior Council Action:	N/A
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Boards and Commission Action:	<p>August 10, 2016- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission. August 15, 2016- To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission</p>
MBE/WBE:	<p>These contracts will be awarded by a cooperative purchase agreement with the Texas Department Information Resources (DIR) in accordance with Chapter 2054 of the Texas Government Code, therefore goals were not established.</p>

The authorization will provide the City with access to the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contracts for software and software maintenance and support.

This aggregated request for authorization goes before Council annually at the end of each fiscal year. The master agreements are set up for 12 months only, and spending authority does not carry over from year to year. The current DIR authority will expire October 1st. Without new agreements in place, it will be very difficult for departments to purchase technology goods and services in an efficient manner, in turn leading to potential delays in the ability to provide needed services to citizens. Bringing forward all the requests for authorization at one time greatly reduces the number of individual Requests for Council Actions and significantly reduces the workloads of all staff involved.

DIR has continued to provide additional products and services through its cooperative purchasing program at competitively bid prices. The purchasing power of the State is used to leverage purchasing effectiveness. This spending authority request includes specifically identified technology needs as well as anticipated technology purchases that have been budgeted, but which are as yet unspecified.

Some of the significant planned purchases for 2016-2017 through this cooperative agreement include:

- Citywide contractual software maintenance – (the majority of costs are in this category)
- Austin Water software for workforce mobility, the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), and for management of servers and storage
- Austin Energy software to implement enterprise architecture

All items represented in the DIR requests have either been approved through the Fiscal Year 2016 budgeting process, or through prior approved capital improvement project budgets. In addition, all technology purchases are reviewed for compliance with the City's technical and security standards.