Water & Wastewater Commission
Review and Recommendation

Commission Meeting Date:	August 8, 2018
Council Meeting Date:	September 20, 2018
Department:	Purchasing
Client:	Chris Stewart and David Anders

Agenda Item
Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts through the **State of Texas Department of Information Resources** cooperative purchasing program during Fiscal Year 2018-2019, for the purchase of computer, network and other technology hardware, software, and related maintenance and technology services, in an amount not to exceed $61,242,000. This is a multi-department contract. Austin Water requested authorization $4,638,500.

Amount and Source of Funding
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital and/or Operating Budgets of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:	Multiple vendors within this cooperative purchasing program will be reviewed for goods and services. The Purchasing Office will determine the contractor that best meets the needs of the departments to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.
Prior Council Action:	N/A
Boards and Commission Action:	August 8, 2018 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission. August 13, 2018 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.
MBE/WBE:	These procurements will be reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9 Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. State of Texas Department of Information Resources contracts also have historically underutilized business (HUB) requirements for subcontracting.

The authorization is to enable City departments to purchase the following through contracts solicited by the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program.

- Various computer, network and other technology hardware products and hardware maintenance including but not limited to desktop personal computers, laptop computers, servers, data storage systems, and storage area networks. This authorization will also include networking products and maintenance services for the City's local and wide area networks and networking devices such as switches, routers, and other equipment used to interconnect desktop computers, servers, and printers throughout the City and to transmit and receive information via the internet.
- Software and software maintenance and support.
- Technology consulting, technical training, information resources technology services and technology staffing.

This aggregated request for authorization goes before Council annually at the end of each fiscal year. The spending authority does not carry over from year to year. The current DIR authority expires September 30, 2018. Without new authorization 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 Recommendations 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 2018-2019 through this cooperative include:
- Austin Water hardware and equipment
- Citywide contractual hardware maintenance
- Citywide contractual software maintenance
- Austin Energy data storage
- Aviation hardware and equipment for the new administration building
- Communications and Technology Management (CTM) and Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center (CTECC) and airport critical technology replacement
- Austin Energy software for security products and enterprise tools
- Austin Water software for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS), and Geographic Information System (GIS)
- Austin Energy information technology staffing services for operations and projects
- Austin Energy consulting for security system upgrades
- Austin Energy technical programming services for enterprise application support, mobility, GIS, project management, asset management, and financial management

- CTM staff augmentation for Help Desk, Application Management and Data Automation, Maximo implementation, and other projects and operational needs
- CTM information technology security related software

All items represented in this request have either been approved through the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgeting process or through prior approved capital improvement project budgets (including IT Governance approved projects). In addition, all technology purchases are reviewed for compliance with the City's technical and security standards.