

**Posting Language**

Ratify an amendment to an existing contract with LCG Consulting, for continued maintenance, support, and subscription services for UPLAN software, by extending the term one year and increasing the amount by \$67,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,016,000.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

**Purchasing Language:**

Ratification.

**Prior Council Action:**

November 1, 2012 – Council approved the original contract, item 18, on a 7-0 vote.

**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) or to the buyer, Debbie DePaul, at 512-322-6235 or [debbie.depaul@austinenergy.com](mailto:debbie.depaul@austinenergy.com).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

August 13, 2018 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract amendment was for ongoing maintenance and support services for UPLAN software and database access for Austin Energy during the period of November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018. UPLAN is a full network management and modeling system integrating transmission data, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) data including load distribution factors, load forecasts, generation information, and fuel market updates. The software/database combination replicates the behavior of the ERCOT market so as to simulate the financial and physical operations of the entire grid. This information is critical to Austin Energy's ability to manage load, fuel pricing, and generation.

This contract amendment was executed due to a miscalculation of available authority. As a result, the software licenses and subscriptions associated with this amendment were authorized for payment. Staff is implementing steps to ensure this does not happen in the future.

Next month, Austin Energy will bring forward for Council's consideration another request for authorization to extend the maintenance and support for UPLAN software for an additional term of five years.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Current Contract Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Additional Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Revised Total Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$890,000		\$ 895,000
Administrative Increase		\$ 59,000		\$ 59,000
Ratification	1 yr.		\$67,000	\$ 67,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6 yrs.</b>	<b>\$949,000</b>	<b>\$67,000</b>	<b>\$1,016,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.