

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: September 20, 2018

Item Number: 042

Purchasing Office

Ratify an amendment to an existing contract with LCG Consulting, for continued maintenance, support, and subscription services of UPLAN network management and modeling system 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.
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 or to the buyer, Debbie DePaul, at 512-322-6235 or debbie.depaul@austinenergy.com .
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	August 13, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Vice Chair Hadden absent and one vacancy.

Client Department(s)	Austin Energy.

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:

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

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