

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 18, 2018

Item Number: 029

Purchasing Office

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with LCG Consulting for continued use of the UPLAN network management and modeling software, support, and subscription services, to increase the amount by \$865,000 and extend the term for up to five years, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$1,881,000. (Note: This contract is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore no goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$173,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	Contract Amendment.
Prior Council Action	November 1, 2012 - Council approved the original contract, item 18, on a 7-0 vote. September 20, 2018 - Council approved the contract amendment, item 42, on a 10-0 vote, with Council Member Alter absent.
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	September 17, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Vaughn and Wray absent and one vacancy.
Client Department(s)	Austin Energy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract amendment is for licenses, ongoing maintenance and support services for UPLAN software. 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 software is the main tool used to develop and analyze scenarios that form the basis of the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan and any studies associated with it. In addition, the software is used in day-to-day operations to forecast the market and model the performance of Austin Energy's generation within that forecast on a monthly basis.

In 2007, the City awarded a contract to LCG Consulting for the license, installation and configuration of the UPLAN software, on-going support and maintenance, and database access as a result of a competitive solicitation. In 2012, the City entered into a sole source contract with LCG Consulting, which is the sole owner and developer of the proprietary software for ongoing maintenance and support of the UPLAN software. The current contract expires October 31, 2018.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Current Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$ 890,000		\$ 890,000
Administrative Increase		\$ 59,000		\$ 59,000
Contract Amendment	1 yr.	\$ 67,000		\$ 67,000
Proposed Amendment	5 yrs.		\$865,000	\$ 865,000
TOTALS	11 yrs.	\$1,016,000	\$865,000	\$1,881,000

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