



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2704, Agenda Item #: 8.

9/15/2022

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a cooperative contract with CDW LLC d/b/a Sirius Computer Solutions Inc. for continued Palo Alto Network products and services including maintenance and support, to increase the amount by \$1,814,950, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$7,814,950.

(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

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,581,300 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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:

July 29, 2021 - Council ratified the original contract, item 75, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 8, 2022 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Bowen and Funkhouser absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The proposed amendment is for additional products and services in support of Palo Alto Network hardware and software. The Palo Alto Network helps secure Austin Energy (AE) from known and unknown cyber threats across the network, cloud, and endpoints, especially the risks associated with a hybrid workforce. The integration of the products into the AE architecture is part of an enterprise strategy to continuously improve cybersecurity and better protect the AE network from breaches. The contract has facilitated the purchase of new product and allowed for the consolidation of Palo Alto Network solutions, including technical support services.

AE's need for Palo Alto Network hardware and software was greater than anticipated due to prolonged

teleworking needs during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and the move to AE Headquarters at Mueller. Hybrid workforces are particularly vulnerable to cyber threats due to higher use of collaboration tools, video, Webex, Zoom and Teams. As a result, additional funding is necessary to complete ongoing projects and services.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging Texas's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.