



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3204, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

10/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with SHI-Government Solutions Inc. to provide Novell SUSE software maintenance and support, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$495,000.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C, (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.) For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$165,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods and services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the nest value for the City.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

October 17, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is to provide Novell SUSE software licensing, including maintenance and support for Austin Energy. This contract will facilitate the upgrade, renewal, and consolidation of Austin Energy's Novell SUSE portfolio.

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server is an enterprise-class Linux operating system that allows multiple applications to be run on a single server. These applications running on SUSE based virtual machines are designed to handle mission-critical workloads in the data center. Some of the applications include the Utility Contact Center, Meter Data Management System, Customer Care and Billing, and Maximo, Austin Energy's work order

system.

The Texas Association of School Boards Inc. (BuyBoard) 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.

This contractor is a HUB-certified small business.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$165,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$165,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$165,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$495,000

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.