



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3291, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

11/30/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for situational awareness and operational awareness visualization software maintenance, upgrades, and related services with Primate Technologies, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,330,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (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 \$360,383 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 13, 2023 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Seibert absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide Austin Energy with the proprietary software, Primate software, as well as upgrades, maintenance, and support services. Primate software is a computer-generated video solution with real time supervisory control and data acquisition that will provide control room-enhanced situational awareness and visualizations projected on a video wall located at Austin Energy's System Control Center. This display allows operators to have an overview of electrical transmission and distribution models while minimizing manual intervention and allowing them to monitor alerts and alarms and other related functions, supporting the management of the distribution and transmission grid. The functionality of this software will enhance operational effectiveness and safety for Austin Energy's field employees.

Primate software is in compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation standards, security

policies, business continuity, and disaster recovery plans.

Primate Technologies, Inc. is the sole provider of the Primate software and its enhancements, extension, services, and maintenance and has no other authorized resellers.

Contract Details:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	1 year	\$360,383
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$292,470
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$295,975
Optional Extension 3	1 year	\$188,654
Optional Extension 4	1 year	\$192,518
Total	5 years	\$1,330,000

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