



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3898, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

2/29/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for Splunk cyber security software products and services with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (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 \$400,000 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:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Financial Services Department and Austin Energy have determined this contractor best meets the needs of Austin Energy to provide these goods and services required for the City.

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:

February 12, 2024 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 8-0-3 with three vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract is for products and services from Splunk software. The contract will include maintenance support, upgrades, and training for users. Austin Energy utilizes Splunk software to enhance cyber security by monitoring, flagging, and identifying security events and potential threats to Austin Energy's network, and allowing users to perform proactive investigations pertaining to potential security events.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local

governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.