



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-4079, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

4/18/2024

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### **Posting Language**

Ratify additional funding to the contract contract for upgrade and implementation of Austin Energy's generation management system with Open Systems International, Inc., in the amount of \$36,000.

[Note: This contract is 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 was available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Ratification.

### **Prior Council Action:**

July 28, 2022 - Council approved a contract for the upgrade of Austin Energy's Generation Management System with Open Systems International, Inc.

### **For More Information:**

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

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Energy (AE) required services that provided an upgrade for the AE generation management system that monitors and controls the generation portfolio, and thus additional funding was needed to cover the cost of the upgrade. As an Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) registered qualified scheduling entity, AE's generation management system is critical in the real-time management and regulation of the generation portfolio and market operations with ERCOT.

This system upgrade helps facilitate AE's compliance with the latest Federal Energy Regulatory Council, North American Electric Reliability Council (including the latest Critical Infrastructure Protection version), ERCOT, Texas Public Utility Commission, and Texas Regional Entity standards and regulations.

Payment is past due to cover the final milestones of this project. AE inadvertently utilized this contract to pay for services with the same contractor under a different contract, which resulted in insufficient funding authority for this contract creating the need of this ratification.