

AGENDA



Thursday, March 5, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with OSIsoft, Inc., Houston, TX for the maintenance and support of the Process Integration (PI) System for Austin Energy power plants in an estimated amount not to exceed \$59,875, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$59,875 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$299,375.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$34,927 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining five months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

This contract is for the purchase of maintenance and support for Process Integration (PI) software at Austin Energy (AE) power plants. The PI software was purchased from OSIsoft in 2006 and that purchase included maintenance and support of the software through December 2008. This software provides the capability to collect and process data, and communicate this data between AE's power plants. It also allows for storage of the data for two years, a regulatory requirement for insurance and reporting purposes. In addition, this software allows management to utilize the real time plant data to troubleshoot and optimize generation assets.

OSIsoft is the sole provider for maintenance and support of this PI software as they are the developer of the product and do not allow other companies to subcontract or provide this service.