Thursday, May 14, 2009

Purchasing Office   **Item No. 26**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with POWERPLAN, OIB, Chicago, IL, for the purchase of software maintenance including upgrades, support, and technical maintenance services for Austin Energy, in an estimated amount not to exceed $122,500, with four 12-month extension options in amounts not to exceed $127,400 for the first extension, $132,496 for the second extension, $137,796 for the third extension and $143,308 for the fourth extension, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed $663,500.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of $122,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

For More Information: Art Acuna, Senior Buyer/322-6307

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

MBE/WBE: This purchase 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 contract.

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

This contract will provide software maintenance, related upgrades, support and technical maintenance required for the application PowerPlant, Austin Energy's (AE) verifiable cost repository and reporting tool.

PowerPlant software is necessary for AE compliance with ERCOT's Nodal Market cost tracking and reporting requirements.

In June of 2008, AE purchased Powerplant software for ERCOT compliant utility cost accounting, including one year of support and maintenance. This action will approve this software maintenance purchase for five additional years.

This is a sole source contract. PowerPlan is the only company that provides maintenance on the PowerPlant software application which is copyrighted and proprietary source code owned by PowerPlan.