Thursday, June 11, 2009

Austin Energy RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 2

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month lease agreement with Aspen Properties for office space at 8303 N. MoPac, Suite C-400, Austin, Texas, for the City of Austin's new Customer Information System project, in an amount not to exceed \$911,474 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$389,648 per extension option, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,690,770.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding for original lease term and 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: Pat Alba, AE Chief Administrative Officer, 322-6066; Sandra Strauss-Jones, Facilities Management Project Manager, 322-6146.

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

Prior Council Action: April 30, 2009 – Approved CIS contract.

The proposed lease agreement is for 14,200 square feet of office space at 8303 N. Mopac. Cubicles and office furniture are provided under the lease. The lease space will accommodate employees and contractors responsible for the implementation of the City of Austin's new Customer Information System or "CIS Project."

The CIS will generate utility bills for all City utility customers (including customers of Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility, Solid Waste Services, Public Works and the Watershed Protection & Development Review Department).

Funding in the current fiscal year is not necessary based on the seven month free rent offer proposed by Aspen during the first year. If approved, Austin Energy will begin lease payments on February 15, 2010.