

AGENDA



Thursday, December 17, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 62**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the requirements service contract with POWERPLAN CONSULTANTS INC., Chicago, IL for the purchase of computer software products and support services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,663,500.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

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.

Prior Council Action: May 14, 2009 - Approved 5-year contract.

In June 2008, Austin Energy (AE) processed an acquisition to purchase Maximo and Powerplant software for ERCOT compliant utility cost accounting with one year of support and maintenance.

In May 2009, AE processed a 5-year sole source contract with POWERPLAN Consultants, Inc. to provide software maintenance, related upgrades, support and technical maintenance required for the PowerPlant application.

Maximo is a work management and material management system that captures detailed costs by job (including labor, materials and services). These costs are initiated in Maximo and fed to PowerPlant which is AE's system of record for Utility Plant assets (including poles, transformers, substations, circuits, generation facilities, etc.). PowerPlant allocates costs to categories needed for rate making and ERCOT reporting.

Maximo will be developed and expanded through a separate contract. PowerPlant is the cost accounting software that reports results and reconciles to Advantage, the financial system of record for the City.

AE continues to develop and implement the necessary changes in order to be compliant with ERCOT requirements. AE has purchased, configured, and implemented Maximo and Powerplant software in order to develop and create the necessary integrations to Advantage, the City of Austin's accounting system. An initial phase in the compliancy effort was to perform an assessment of the needed requirements, identify available options, and recommend a solution to achieve compliancy within the ERCOT mandated deadline of December 2010. A second phase for purchasing and implementing the

recommended solution is now complete and is collecting adequate data to provide AE's baseline costs for as many months as possible to ERCOT before the market opens.

This proposed Amendment No. 1, to increase the contract authorization, will assist in allowing a legacy; at-risk inventory management system (IMS) to be replaced by a Maximo commercial off-the-shelf software solution enterprise-wide.