

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 50**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a requirements service contract with GE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, Denver, CO, for the purchase of software license upgrades in an estimated amount not to exceed \$559,220, with five 12-month extension options for maintenance and support services in estimated amounts not to exceed \$422,005 for the first extension option, \$443,105 for the second extension option, \$465,260 for the third extension option, \$488,523 for the fourth extension option, and \$512,949 for the fifth extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,891,062.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$559,220 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Single 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.

On August 24, 2006, a sole source contract was awarded to GE Energy Management Services (GEMS) for an Enterprise License Agreement of the GE Smallworld Core licenses and five GIS Read licenses. The software application utilizes existing geographical information stored in the GE Smallworld Geographical Information System (GIS). GIS data includes the layout of the distribution system, the electrical connectivity system for outage management, the foundation for designing distribution construction, and the right-of-way corridors that require vegetation management activities.

This contract is for the purchase of a software license upgrade and options for five years of software maintenance and support services for the Smallworld software applications that are used within Austin Energy (AE), Electric Service Delivery business unit. This critical software is a required component of the outage analysis system used by AE. The software provides the foundation of the operational GIS that allow AE users to monitor outage locations, crew locations, and maintain daily electric distribution circuit configuration. AE business units rely on Smallworld software applications to store and access spatial information pertaining to AE's electric distribution system. The software application allows for spatial data input that reflect the current electric distribution system and utilizes existing geographical information stored in the Austin Energy GE Smallworld Geographical Information System (GIS). AE desires to continue to use the same software, moving forward with GIS data which includes the layout of AE's distribution system and the electrical connectivity system that is required for AE's outage management activities.

The software is proprietary to GEMS, and is not distributed through resellers.