Thursday, January 13, 2011

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 18

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of Amendment No. 4 to a contract with ECOLOGIC ANALYTICS, LLC., Bloomington, MN for a software upgrade, implementation, support, and system enhancing services for the existing meter data management system for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and to increase the remaining three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per option, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,049,312.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 36 months of the current contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Art Acuña, Senior Buyer/512-322-6307

Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE: This contract was 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: July 24, 2008 – Approved original contract.

On July 24, 2008, Council approved award of a contract with Ecologic Analysis, LLC for the purchase and installation of a meter data management system for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$1,063,306, with four 12-month extension options for maintenance and support in amounts not to exceed \$131,031 for the first extension option, \$134,962 for the second extension option, \$139,011 for the third extension option, and \$143,182 for the fourth extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,611,492.

This software is used by Austin Energy (AE) to manage meter data and it will enable the utility to gather interval meter reads every 15 minutes for the meters within the AE service area. This data is stored, categorized, reported upon, and can integrate with a number of other AE systems to enable service improvements and improve processes.

This proposed Amendment No. 4 will authorize an upgrade, implementation, support, and systems enhancement services of the meter data management system. AE is requesting that Ecologic Analytics provide these services to enable AE to integrate to the most current version of the product which will provide the most value to AE customers and employees.