RCA - Purchasing	Austin City Council	Item ID:	6356
Meeting Date:	May 12, 2011		
Department:	Purchasing		

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of three 30-month contracts through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative purchasing program with INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, Armonk, NY, for the development and purchase of a Sustainable Places Analytics software tool for Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services in an amounts not to exceed $1,450,000 for a services contract, $350,000 for a software/hosting contract, and $18,000 for a hardware contract.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Special Revenue Fund of Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Mick Osborne, Sr. Buyer Specialist/974 2995
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Contract is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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.
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

These contracts are for the development and purchase of an analytical software tool to be called the Sustainable Places Analytics Tool. IBM, with input from subject matter experts at the City, the University of Texas, and the Capital Area Council of Government, will develop the tool and models to help the region better plan and manage sustainable growth, and better measure the effect of development and infrastructure investments. As the Department of Information Resources has established separate contracts with IBM for services, software, and hardware, the City must execute three separate contracts with IBM for this project.

The tool will assist in the preparation of Regional Plans for Sustainable Development that address housing, economic development, transportation, energy, water, and environmental quality in an integrated fashion where such plans do not currently exist or where they exist but need to be significantly revised or enhanced. The tool will support stakeholder driven visioning and scenario planning that will address and harmonize critical land uses and investment decisions, such as those for the location and the distribution of affordable housing, schools, and employment centers throughout the region; support cost-effective and sustainable transportation and water infrastructure investment; designate lands for conservation and ongoing agricultural use; and proactively consider risks from disasters and climate change and harmonize critical land use and investment decisions.