

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10874	Agenda Number	45.
Meeting Date:	December 8, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award, and execution of Amendment 6 to the contract with APERTA, INC, St. Louis, MO for the purchase of Aperta software maintenance and support for Austin Energy's two Quantum 21300 remittance check processors to add an additional seven 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$32,216 for the first extension option, \$33,827 for the second extension option, \$35,518 for the third extension option, \$37,295 for the fourth extension option, \$39,159 for the fifth extension option, \$41,117 for the sixth extension option, and \$43,173 for the seventh extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$383,601.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$32,216 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for 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.				
Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Art Acuña, Senior Buyer / 512-322-6307			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by Electric Utility Commission.			
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.			
Related Items:				

### Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of maintenance and support services for Aperta Information Data Processing Software (AIDPS) for Austin Energy's two Quantum 21300 remittance check processors.

Austin Energy (AE) has two Unisys Quantum 21300 transports (check processing machines) which it uses to process utility account payments. Aperta, Inc. is the developer of the proprietary software required for the operation of the transports. AIDPS captures the check information and transmits the information to both AE and AE's financial institution. Over 300,000 checks on average are processed per month via the transports representing approximately \$87 million of monthly receipts. Not having maintenance and support for this software could result in extreme processing delays of utility payments with an adverse impact to customers both internal and external should the software malfunction.

The original contract was administratively awarded in 2007. This contract would add an additional seven 12-month extension options to continue receiving maintenance and support for this critical software. This will provide for the service through the expected life of the transports.

This procurement is a sole source because the source code is proprietary and is not available from another source, and the vendor's software license precludes any third party from modifying the source code. This critical software is a required component of the remittance processing operation.

#### **CONTRACT SUMMARY:**

Original contract awarded 1/1/07-12/31/07	Original 12-month contract for maintenance and support	\$22,368.78
Amendment No. 1	Exercised first 12-month extension option	\$21,697.20
Amendment No. 2	Exercised second 12-month extension option	\$22,706.40
Amendment No. 3	Exercised third 12-month extension option	\$23,841.72
Amendment No. 4	Administrative change to add FACTA	\$0.00
Amendment No. 5	Exercised fourth 12-month extension option	\$30,681.72