



**Recommendation for Council Action  
Water & Wastewater Commission**

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	September 17, 2015
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing
<b>SUBJECT</b>	
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 through the <b>STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES</b> cooperative purchasing program, for the purchase of technology services in an amount not to exceed \$38,642,523. Austin Water’s portion of the requested authorization is \$1,555,150.</p>	
<b>AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>	
<p>Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water. Funding is contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Water.</p>	
<b>FISCAL NOTE</b>	
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>	
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Cooperative Purchase
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	N/A
<b>For More Information</b>	Shawn Willett, 512-974-2274; Steve Hutton, 512-972-0183
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 11-0 vote on August 17, 2015. Recommendation No. 20150817-012. To be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Committee on September 9, 2015. To be reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission on September 9, 2015.
<b>MBE/WBE:</b>	This cooperative contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. SMBR will assist in the identification of subcontracting opportunities on a case by case basis.

The authorization will provide the City with access to the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contracts for technology consulting, technical training, information resources technology services, technology staffing, and telecommunications services.

Some of the significant planned purchases for 2015-2016 through this cooperative agreement include:

- Austin Energy: information technology (IT) services for the customer care and billing system
- Austin Energy: technical programming services for projects and business units
- Austin Energy: IT staffing for meter data management and customer care and billing systems
- Citywide: local and long distance phone services
- Austin Energy: distribution design implementation and Maximo upgrade
- Austin Water: IT services for utility software systems (SCADA, Asset Management, Mobile Workforce)
- Aviation: professional services (Business Intelligence, VoIP Analysis, Business Process Improvement)
- Communications and Technology Management: Department IT staffing for various projects including Enterprise Service Bus, AMANDA, Maximo, 911 Back-up Center relocation, service desk, GIS Server/Goecortex, special events permitting, and real estate inventory
- IT consulting for IT Capital Improvement Projects

All items represented in the DIR requests have either been approved through the Fiscal Year 2016 budgeting process, or through prior approved CIP budgets. In addition, all technology purchases are reviewed for compliance with the City's technical and security standards.

This aggregated request for authorization goes before Council annually at the end of each fiscal year. The master agreements are set up for 12 months only, and spending authority does not carry over from year to year. The current DIR authority will expire October 1. Without new agreements in place, it will be very difficult for departments to purchase technology goods and services in an efficient manner, in turn leading to potential delays in the ability to provide needed services to citizens. Bringing forward all the requests for authorization at one time greatly reduces the number of individual Requests for Council Actions and significantly reduces the workloads of all staff involved.

DIR has continued to provide additional products and services through its cooperative purchasing program at competitively bid prices. The purchasing power of the State of Texas is used to leverage purchasing effectiveness. This spending authority request includes specifically identified technology needs as well as anticipated technology purchases that have been budgeted, but which are as yet unspecified.