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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

66829

Agenda Number

27.

Meeting Date:

February 2, 2017

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with HPI, LLC, to provide control system hardware and software upgrades, in an amount not to exceed \$107,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Sole Source

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Cheryl A. Kaufman, Senior Buyer, 512-505-3545

Boards and
Commission
Action:

January 23, 2017 – Unanimously recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with two vacancies.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for an upgrade to control system workstations for the four gas turbines at Austin Energy's Decker Creek Power Station. These workstations are an integral part of the control system that operates the units. The existing workstations are running on an outdated and unsupported version of software, putting Austin Energy's power production at risk. Furthermore, the workstations and associated hardware are near the end of their lifecycle which, if unaddressed, will cause issues when repairing or replacing any components due to failures.

This upgrade will allow Austin Energy to continue to support high levels of plant reliability and market performance which result in earned revenue and price protection for customers.

HPI, LLC is the sole provider of the proprietary hardware, software, and programming services required to upgrade the existing human machine interface control system. HPI, LLC does not permit outsourcing of these products or services to any representatives, distributors or third parties.