



Water & Wastewater Commission Review and Recommendation

Commission Meeting Date:	February 14, 2018
Council Meeting Date:	March 22, 2018
Department:	Purchasing
Client:	Gary Quick, Rick Harland, and Chris Chen
Agenda Item	
Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with GE Intelligent Platforms, Inc. , to provide continued software licensing and technical support, to increase the term by two years and increase the amount by \$176,811, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$510,328.	
Amount and Source of Funding	
Funding in the amount of \$88,406 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.	
Purchasing Language:	Contract Amendment
Prior Council Action:	August 20, 2015- Council approved a contract with GE Intelligent Platforms, Inc., to provide software licensing and technical support.
Boards and Commission Action:	February 14, 2018- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE/WBE:	Sole source contracts are exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9C of the Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

The amendment is for technical support, maintenance and license renewals for General Electric (GE) Proficy Globalcare software. This software is used in the daily operations of Austin Water treatment facilities including treatment plants, water distribution facilities and wastewater collection facilities. This software is part of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system required to monitor and control the process equipment at these facilities. It is a critical system for Austin Water (AW) operations and is used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

This software is highly specialized, proprietary and is necessary for operation of the SCADA system. GE Intelligent Platforms, Inc. owns the intellectual property of this software and does not have any resellers or allow others to provide associated services to users.

This amendment is necessary for AW to obtain GE's support services to this software. A longer term amendment was not pursued given rapidly changing technology in this area.

This amendment represents a decrease in annual cost from \$95,327 to \$88,406, as a result of lowering the level of support from premier level coverage to standard level coverage based on current support needs. Continued licensing and maintenance of this software is critical to supporting Austin Water's key daily operations.

Contract Detail				
	Contract Term	Current Contract Amount	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	1 Year	\$93,639	n/a	\$93,639
Extension Option 1	1 Year	\$92,551	n/a	\$92,551
Extension Option 2	1 Year	\$95,327	n/a	\$95,327
Contract Amendment	3 months	\$31,000	n/a	\$31,000
Contract Amendment (Additional Licenses)	n/a	\$21,000	n/a	\$21,000
Proposed Amendment	2 Years	n/a	\$176,811	\$176,811
TOTAL	5 years and 3 months	\$333,517	\$176,811	\$510,328