



**Purchasing Service Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of 12-months service agreement with SIRSI CORPORATION, Huntsville, AL, for the upgrade and maintenance of software for the Austin Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$195,466, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$80,891 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$519,030.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$195,466 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Library Department. 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.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Sole Source.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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.

This contract is for the upgrade of the SIRSI DRA Classic V2.5-1 Library automation application, to SIRSI's UnicornOASIS application. The contract includes software, license and maintenance of the system. The system is designed exclusively for public libraries. The system will provide users with functional access to electronic resources and digitized special collections. The system will provide library staff with fast, efficient administrative and technical services in a powerful, fully integrated package that utilizes an Oracle Database.

The upgrade to UnicornOASIS will allow the library to offer customers and staff services and options not available with the current system. For customers it includes: Spanish language interface on the public access stations, telephone notifications and renewals, customizable delivery of content, and digital media archiving. The system architecture lends itself to allowing site customization that is not currently available with the existing system. The library will share an enterprise hardware solution for production, test and development systems. This will allow for electronic exchange of data with vendors, enhanced report writing capabilities and improved web interface allowing customization of content being delivered. The system allows the Library to mesh with the City's plan for utilizing an "Enterprise" solution for large databases.



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This is a sole source purchase for an upgrade of the DRA Classic system, which the Library currently uses. The proprietary nature of the current system does not allow the Library flexibility in presenting its services. Without this upgrade, the Library would not be able to meet Communication and Technology Management's (CTM) efforts toward utilization of shared enterprise solutions for backend databases driving e-government. E-government solutions that come on-line for the City would not easily interface with the existing library system.