



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 43  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 09/29/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month service agreement with GE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., Denver, CO for software maintenance and support for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$208,701, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$229,571 for the first extension option, \$252,528 for the second extension option, \$277,780 for the third extension option and \$305,559 for the fourth extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,274,139.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$208,701 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved 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.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Austin Energy; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mario Guerrero, Senior Buyer/974-2261

**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.

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This contract is for software maintenance and support services used to support the Smallworld and Poweron software applications that are used within Austin Energy (AE), Electric Service Delivery (ESD) business unit. This mission critical software is a component of the DataOne system used by ESD. ESD users rely on Smallworld to store and access information pertaining to AE's electric distribution system. The Poweron software application is used to manage distribution outages during daily and emergency situations.

The vendor will provide service to AE that includes troubleshooting core software code, running software test scripts, implementing repairs to the software, software upgrades and patches and general support as needed.

This procurement is a sole source for the following reasons: 1) the source code is proprietary and is not available from another source; 2) the vendor's software license precludes any third party from modifying the source code; 3) the vendor's professional expertise in testing and error delivery is not available from any other firm.