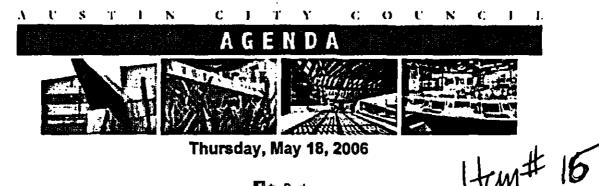
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Purchasing Service Agreement RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize execution of a contract through U. S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with GTSI CORP., Chantilly VA, for the purchase of CodeRED Notification System Services, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 annually for four (4) years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000. Years 2 through 4 are are at the City's option. Additionally staff is authorized to negotiate and execute agreements with U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, GTSI and Emergency Communications Network, Inc., for these services.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining three years of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

Additional Backup Material (click to open) No Attachments Available

For More Information: Pete Collins, Chief Technology Officer/848-8753 Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

CodeRED is a web-based telephone notification system. Primary uses may include: notification of power outages, search and rescue, natural (environmental) disasters, debris management, manmade disasters, public works emergencies or crime related emergencies.

CodeRED employs a GIS mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls. This is coupled with a high speed telephone calling system that can deliver customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses at the rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

This service agreement will include: up to 3,000,000 minutes (annually), call mapping technology, multiple language support, customized calling list, call report features and 24/7 customer support. Implementation of the system will be within thirty (30) days of execution of the agreement.

The City currently has an alerting system (Reverse 911)which is managed in-house. This system can not handle the call volume necessary to meet the growing emergency alert needs.