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**AGENDA**



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Item # 15

**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 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, man-made 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.