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Thursday, October 05, 2006

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Purchasing Office   **ITEM No. 19**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with KORTERRA INCORPORATED, Chanhassen, MN, for the purchase of KorTerra utility industry software hosting, installation and training fees in an amount not to exceed $60,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the fiscal Year 2006-2007 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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: Art Acuña, Buyer II/512-322-6307

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

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

On June 28, 2004, a contract was administratively awarded to KorTerra in the amount of $44,950, for its utility industry software application devoted to automated dispatch location of utility power lines, water lines, and other infrastructure. This software notifies Austin Energy (AE) field technicians in advance if there is any obstruction in the form of a waterline or utility line where AE will be digging and working in order to prevent any damage.

This contract with KorTerra will provide service to Austin Water Utility, and will move the application to an internet based model that is completely wireless. There are a number of advantages to this change in that it will reduce operating costs for the City's Information Technology staff supporting the application and the respective databases and supporting infrastructure, as well as reduce the expense of having both departments working independently and receiving individual invoices. All of AE's map location and configuration data reside in the application and the existing infrastructure needed to support KorTerra is already in place at AE (email, laptops, client software etc).