

AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of various supply and service contracts during the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) cooperative purchasing program Austin, TX, for the purchase of computer hardware products, including maintenance, training, information technology services, and telecommunication products and services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$9,488,628.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$8,377,700 is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$1,110,920 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This Cooperative Contract is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). However, the Small & Minority Business Resources (SMBR) Department will assist in the identification of subcontracting opportunities on a case by case basis.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on September 20, 2010.

This authorization will enable Austin Energy (AE) to purchase various computer, communication and network hardware products, technology implementation services, and maintenance services. Items to be purchased through this contract include, but are not limited to, desktop PCs, laptop computers, servers, tablet computers, rugged laptops, thin client terminals, data storage systems, storage area networks, telephony equipment, networking equipment, and mobile computer mounts. Awards will also include networking and communication products and maintenance services for AE's Local and Wide Area Networks and telephone systems such as switches, routers, and other equipment used to interconnect desktop computers, servers, and printers throughout AE and to transmit and receive information via the Internet/Intranet.

The State of Texas' Department of Information Resources or DIR continues to provide additional products and services through its program at competitively bid discounted prices. The purchasing power of the State of Texas is used to leverage purchasing effectiveness. All technology requests will undergo AE technology review to ensure compliance with AE's enterprise architectural standards and technology compatibility with existing systems.