

**Recommendation for Council Action** 

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting: December 13, 2018

Item Number: 032

## **Purchasing Office**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL Inc. D/B/A LexisNexis Risk Solutions, to provide an online subscription service agreement, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$460,000. (Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$76,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.
Purchasing Language	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these services. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the services required at the best value for the City.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u> <u><mailto:agendaoffice@austintexas.gov></mailto:agendaoffice@austintexas.gov></u> or to the buyer, Liz Lock, at 512-322-6251 or <u>Liz.Lock@austinenergy.com</u> <u><mailto:liz.lock@austinenergy.com></mailto:liz.lock@austinenergy.com></u> .
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	November 19, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Osborne and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

Client Department(s)	
	Austin Energy.

## Additional Backup Information:

The contract provides an online subscription service to access the Accurint for Government Plus public records database within the LexisNexis Data Management system. This database was specifically designed for governmental agencies. Austin Energy utilizes the database to verify residential and commercial customer identities, and perform other research necessary to create or update a City of Austin utility customer account.

The recommended contractor is the current provider for these services. The current contract expires December 31, 2018. The requested authorization is based on prior departmental usage. The Accurint for Government Plus database is proprietary in nature and offers linking technology that analyzes billions of partial and complete records which is not available from any other source.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resource cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program