



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1013, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

2/18/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., for information technology professional services for the Advanced Distribution Management System and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Energy Management System, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

(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.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple vendors within this cooperative purchasing program 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:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 11, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner Stone off the dais and Commissioner Wray absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide a wide range of specialized information technology technical support services including architectural design, implementation services, day-to-day trouble shooting and support of existing and future software and hardware solutions for the Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Energy Management System (SCADA/EMS). The ADMS is a critical

utility system that improves distribution system reliability to enhance customer service while reducing operating costs, and provides an automated, integrated solution for system operators to proactively manage the Austin Energy network. The SCADA/EMS is a mission critical system essential for safely and reliably operating and managing the transmission and distribution systems.

The contract is necessary to ensure access to technical expertise, reducing system down time, providing escalated trouble shooting, and addressing future needs for compliance with North American Energy Reliability Corporation and Critical Infrastructure Protections.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources 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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government That Works for All.