



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2324, **Agenda Item #:** 89.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Open Systems International, Inc., for continued maintenance and support of Austin Energy's generation management system for an increase in the amount of \$650,000 and to extend the term by five years, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,073,287.

(Note: This contract is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$140,000 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:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

March 31, 2016 - Council approved the original contract, item 35, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Trostle off the dais, Commissioners Hadden, Stone and Wray absent, and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The proposed amendment is for the continuation of maintenance and support of Austin Energy's generation management system (GMS). The GMS monitors and controls Austin Energy's generation portfolio.

Austin Energy is an Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) registered qualified scheduling entity. The GMS is critical in the real-time management and regulation of Austin Energy's generation portfolio and market operations with ERCOT. As an ERCOT qualified scheduling entity, Austin Energy submits bids to buy and/or

offers to sell energy in the ERCOT wholesale market.

This system was initially selected through a competitive process and has proven very reliable and flexible; however, it will not be supported after 2021 if this contract terminates.

Open Systems International, Inc. is the sole producer and provider of this proprietary software and associated maintenance, support, and upgrade services.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Current Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Requested Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Revised Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$1,423,287		\$1,423,287
Proposed Amendment	5 yrs.		\$650,000	\$ 650,000
TOTAL	10 yrs.	\$1,423,287	\$650,000	\$2,073,287

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government That Works for All.