



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-3528, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

12/9/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to the contract with KUBRA Arizona, Inc. to upgrade the current Storm Center software at Austin Energy, to increase the amount by \$925,547 and to extend the term by one year, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed of \$3,234,767.

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

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$552,520 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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:**

June 16, 2016 - Council approved the original contract, item 19, on a vote of 10-0 with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

November 8, 2021 - Unanimously recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Chair Hopkins absent and two vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The proposed amendment will allow for an upgrade and extension to Austin Energy's Storm Center platform. The upgrade will provide an updated multi-tenant software platform for outage reporting and supporting interactive communication with customers' mobile devices (iPhone, iPad, Android). The project will also enhance the text alert application, improving communications to Austin Energy customers during a power outage. The upgrade will fulfill expectations reported out at the June 2021 Winter Storm Uri After Actions Review. While this upgrade was already in the planning stage, Austin Energy thoroughly vetted the upgrade

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against new concerns that arose from Winter Storm Uri. The timeline of the upgrade project is highly sensitive.

The current contract will expire in September 2022, and the proposed amendment will also extend support for one additional year. KUBRA Arizona, Inc. is the sole provider of upgrades, maintenance, and support services for the Storm Center outage maps product and overall EnergySuite family of solutions.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Current Contract Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Additional Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Revised Total Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	5 yr.	\$2,309,220		\$2,309,220
Extension Option 1	1 yr.			
Proposed Amendment	1 yr.		\$925,547	\$ 925,547
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 yrs.</b>	<b>\$2,309,220</b>	<b>\$925,547</b>	<b>\$3,234,767</b>

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

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Health and Environment.