



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 22-2282, Agenda Item #: 27.**

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Open Systems International, Inc. for the upgrade of Austin Energy's Generation Management System, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$334,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are 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 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Sole Source.

### **For More Information:**

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

July 18, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is for the upgrade of the Austin Energy (AE) generation management system (GMS) that monitors and controls AE's generation portfolio. AE is an Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) registered qualified scheduling entity, and the GMS is critical in the real-time management and regulation of AE's generation portfolio and market operations with ERCOT. As an ERCOT qualified scheduling entity, AE submits bids to buy and/or offers to sell energy in the ERCOT wholesale market.

The upgraded system will help facilitate AE's compliance with the latest Federal Energy Regulatory Council, North American Electric Reliability Council (including the latest Critical Infrastructure Protection version), ERCOT, Texas Public Utility Commission, and Texas Regional Entity standards and regulations.

The current GMS was procured through a competitive solicitation in 2007 and has proven very reliable and flexible. The contract transitioned to a sole source approved by Council on March 31, 2016. This is a sole source contract as Open Systems International Inc. (OSI) is the sole producer and provider of all OSI GMS monarch products and related services and owns all rights, title, and interests in the monarch products.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Safety, Health and Environment.