



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 25-1525, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

8/28/2025

### **Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to a contract for continued service of the UPLAN network management and modeling software, support, and subscription services for Austin Energy with LGC Consulting, to increase the amount by \$540,000 and to extend the term by two years for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$3,019,667. Funding: \$270,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

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

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$270,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget for Austin Energy.

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### **Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

### **MBE/WBE:**

This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

### **Prior Council Action:**

November 1, 2012 - Council approved a contract for UPLAN network management and modeling software, support and subscription services with LGG Consulting.

September 20, 2018 - Council approved ratification of an amendment for UPLAN network management and modeling software, support and subscription services with LGG Consulting.

October 18, 2018 - Council approved an amendment for UPLAN network management and modeling software, support and subscription services with LGG Consulting.

November 30, 2023 - Council approved an amendment for UPLAN network management and modeling software, support and subscription services with LGG Consulting.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department -

Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

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

August 11, 2025 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Alvarez off the dais and Chair Tuttle absent.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract amendment is for continued licenses, ongoing maintenance, and support services for UPLAN software for Austin Energy. UPLAN is a full network management and modeling system that replicates the behavior of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market to simulate the financial and physical operations of the entire grid. This software is the main tool used to develop and analyze scenarios that form the basis of the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, forecast the market and model the performance of Austin Energy's generation within that forecast on a monthly basis.

LCG Consulting is the sole owner and developer of this proprietary software, which is designed to reflect the specific ERCOT market structure.

Additional time on the current contract is needed while Austin Energy finalizes the requirements that will be issued in a formal competitive solicitation and will prevent disruption of the current services. The timeline to transition to a new system will depend on whether it's to a cloud-based system, which would take two months, or to a hosted system that could take much longer.

**Contract Details:**

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	5 years	\$890,000		\$890,000
Contract Amendment	5 years	\$862,000		\$862,000
Contract Amendment	2 years	\$520,000		\$520,000
Contract Amendment	1 year	\$207,667		\$207,667
Proposed Amendment	2 years		\$540,000	\$540,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 years</b>	<b>\$2,479,667</b>	<b>\$540,000</b>	<b>\$3,019,667</b>

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