



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1242, **Agenda Item #:** 49.

7/24/2025

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract for additional ruggedized mobile hardware for the Communications and Technology Management Department and Austin Energy with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. to increase the amount by \$4,000,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$9,000,000. Funding: \$800,000 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)

Communications and Technology Management Department, Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$800,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE:

Cooperative Agreement contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

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.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract amendment will supply additional electronic equipment, including convertible tablets, ruggedized laptops, desktops, rack-mounted computers, docking stations, modems, stationary and mobile video equipment, and similar items to properly outfit City fleet vehicles and Radio communication sites as required. This contract is necessary to supply the City with reliable replacement equipment to minimize repair delays, and the requested additional authorization amount is needed to expand the use of the contract to Austin Energy based on the historical expenditure for this type of equipment.

The Texas Department of Information Resources is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts

routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.