



**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ADDENDUM  
PURCHASING OFFICE  
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: GAL0603 ADDENDUM NO. 1  
DATE OF ADDENDUM: June 24, 2016**

This addendum is to incorporate the following:

- Q1. Can you explain some further details in regards to the “Contact Monitoring” functionality mentioned?
- A1. Ability for the system to hold information on each contract Austin Energy currently has including start/end dates, contract amounts, contract balances, purchase orders and payments against contract, responsible parties and be able to provide all of this information into a report that can be generated daily/weekly/monthly.
- Q2. The Data warehousing, can you expand upon the details you are looking for in this respect?
- A2. The ability to take combine different data sources, including financial accounting data, budget data, performance measure data, system load data and customer billing system data into one data location that can be queried to produce reports and information including dashboards.
- Q3. What is your annual operating (including Capital or CIP) budget?
- A3. \$1.5 billion.
- Q4. Has Austin Energy viewed any budget solutions before the release of the RFI document? (Within the last 2 years) If so, which solutions?
- A4. Yes, Utilities International Planner.
- Q5. Why is Austin Energy going to market for a budget solution when you already own PowerPlan? Are you planning on replacing PowerPlan?
- A5. We are not looking for a new budget solution and we are not replacing PowerPlan.
- Q6. Has a budget been set aside for this project? If so, how much?
- A6. Yes, maximum of \$3 million.
- Q7. Can the RFI be provided in an editable format, such as Excel in order to complete the Technical Requirements?
- A7. Yes.
- Q8. Does the Austin Energy want a COTS (Commercial off the shelf) solution, or a custom built tool?
- A8. We are open to either.
- Q9. Will you consider a thin client as a part of the offered solution or are you only accepting RFIs where the entire spectrum (100%) of budgeting, reporting and document publishing functions is web-based?
- A9. We are open to either.

Q10. Can you provide an overview your general organizational structure – as it relates to budgeting?

A10. 13 Divisions, 40 Departments, 220 Cost Centers

Q11. Are Departmental Allocations needed? For example, some Departments (Cost Centers) allocate all of their expenses to other Departments or Cost Centers in the budgeting process. These are often referred to as Internal Service Providers or ISPs. A common example of an ISP can be the Information Technology (IT) department. ISP budgets are developed in detail just like any other department, and then their expenses are allocated out to other budget elements – other departments.

A11. No.

Q12. Is Austin Energy looking for a solution to manage Salary / Position Planning budgeting?

A11. Yes.

Q13. Is your preference to have the software installed on your premise (your server) or, in a hosted environment?

A13. We are open to either.

Q14. If your preference is to have an off-site hosted or SaaS service, can the hosting site reside anywhere in North America, or do you require that it be located in Texas?

A14. We are open to either.

Q15. In the event Austin Energy moves forward with procurement, is there an estimated time frame available for solicitation?

A15. Not at this time.

Q16. Has funding been allocated and if so, from where (budget, grant, etc)? If not, which funding source will be sought?

A16. Funding is or will be allocated through the budget.

Q17. Does Austin Energy have an estimated cost, or desired not to exceed contract amount in mind for this and if so, how much?

A17. Desired not to exceed \$3.0 million.

Q18. Which vendor(s) provided the following systems?

A18.

- COA financial systems (eCapris, eCombs, Advantage), eCAPRIS and eCOMBS are City of Austin (COA) home grown systems administered by COA staff. Advantage is from vendor CGI
- Maximo, AE used IBM for initial system. Current maintenance provider is SIRIUS
- Power Plan, Power Plan is a system by vendor PowerPlan.
- OpenLink, OpenLink is the vendor (the specific product is OpenLink Endure)
- Customer Care & Billing, IBM but switching to Oracle
- Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) settlement database, (in-house developed, using ERCOT extracts, a common database)
- Metrix ND: Itron, Inc
- SAS revenue data: SAS Institute Inc

Q19. Which other systems, if any, may require integration and which vendor(s) provided them?

A19. No additional are known at this time.

Q20. Does Austin Energy anticipate procuring any service contracts related to this project such as QA, IV&V, External Project Management, etc? If so, what and when?

A20. Undetermined at this time.

Q21. Who is / will be the project manager, or technical contact?

A21. Undetermined at this time.

Q22. How many users are anticipated for the system?

A22. 100+.

Q23. What are the main drivers behind this project?

A23. Need to automate and integrate financial information into a single system to provide forecasting, accounting, budgeting and analysis of financial information.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

BY THE SIGNATURES affixed below, this Addendum is hereby incorporated and made a part of the above-referenced Solicitation.

APPROVED BY:



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