



RESOLUTION NO. U-11316

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and
2 the furnishing of services; authorizing the City officials to enter into
3 contracts and, where specified, waive competitive bidding requirements,
4 authorize sale of surplus property, or increase or extend existing
5 agreements.

6 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, requested
7 bids or proposals for the purchase of certain materials, supplies, equipment or
8 the furnishing of certain services, or proposes to purchase off an agreement
9 previously competitively bid and entered into by another governmental entity or
10 a purchasing cooperative, or for the sales of surplus, or desires to increase or
11 extend an existing agreement, all as explained by the attached Exhibit "A,"
12 which by this reference is incorporated herein, and

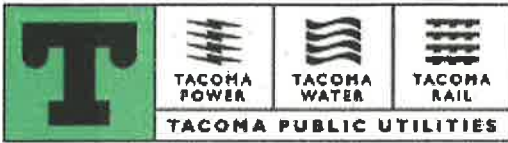
13 WHEREAS in response thereto, bids or proposals (or prices from
14 another governmental or cooperative agreement) were received, all as
15 evidenced by Exhibit "A," and

16 WHEREAS the Board of Contracts and Awards or the requesting division
17 have heretofore made their recommendations, which may include waiver of the
18 formal competitive bid process because it was not practicable to follow said
19 process, or because the purchase is from a single source, or there is an
20 emergency that requires such waiver, or because a directly negotiated contract
21 was determined to be in the best interest of the City, or waiver of minor
22 deviations, and in the case of sale of surplus, a declaration of surplus has been
23 made certifying that said items are no longer essential for continued effective
24 utility service, as explained in Exhibit "A," Now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:
 2 That the Public Utility Board of the City of Tacoma hereby concurs and
 3 approves the recommendations of the Board of Contracts and Awards or
 4 the requesting division, and approves, as appropriate: (1) the purchase or
 5 furnishing of those materials, supplies, equipment or services recommended for
 6 acceptance; (2) the sale of surplus materials, supplies or equipment
 7 recommended for acceptance; (3) the purchase from a cooperative or another
 8 governmental entity contract; and (4) the increase or extension of an existing
 9 agreement, and said matters may include waiver of the formal competitive bid
 10 process or waiver of minor deviations, all as set forth on Exhibit "A," and
 11 authorizes the execution, delivery and implementation of appropriate notices,
 12 contracts and documents by the proper officers of the City for said transactions.
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14 Approved as to form:
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 18 Chief Deputy City Attorney
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 23 Chair
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 25 Secretary
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ITEM NO.: 1
MEETING DATE: APRIL 27, 2022

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
FROM: Tenzin Gyaltzen, Power Section Manager; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent/COO; and Andre' Pedferri, AMI Program Manager, Utility Technology Services Advanced Meter Program
COPY: Public Utility Board, Director of Utilities, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Seth Hartz, Finance/Purchasing
SUBJECT: Omnetric Contract Increase for On-Call Technical Resources Amendment Specification No. PS18-0062F, Contract No. C782 – April 27, 2022
DATE: 3/23/2022

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

Tacoma Power, Utility Technology Services (UTS) and Tacoma Water requests approval to increase Contract No. C782 to Advanta (formerly Omnetric Corp.), Houston, TX, by \$150,000, plus applicable taxes, for on call technical resources to continue to be available to support the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Operations team through production issues and improvements. This increase will bring the contract to a cumulative total of \$1,836,343, plus applicable taxes.

BACKGROUND:

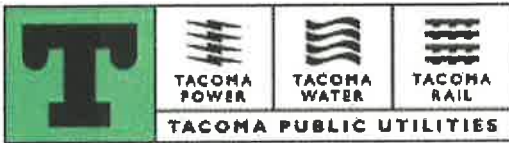
Advanta was selected from a Request for Proposal (RFP) award in March 2019 to implement the AMI Data Management System to the Sensus Head-End solution. Advanta is using the Energy IP solution to integrate the system into SAP and other City systems. Advanta is one of four (4) suppliers awarded to deliver the Automated Meter solution. The solution was reviewed and approved by the Board April 25, 2019.

ISSUE: To-date, only 30 percent of Tacoma Public Utilities' (TPU) AMI system has been successfully deployed due to the global supply chain issues. As the volume of meter deployment grows, new issues have and will continue to occur within the system. These issues require technical experts and support available from the team that implemented the software to provide support to the AMI Operations team as TPU learns and grows in this new system.

The existing Omnetric contract has had sufficient funds to provide support for the past year, allowing Advanta technical resources to provide support through troubleshooting, restarting services, implement fixes, and providing training to the AMI Operations team. However, existing funds are expected to be fully spent in Q2 2022. This amendment provides additional funds for the on call AMI Operations support through the end of 2022.

ALTERNATIVES: The AMI Operations team can continue to support the Meter Data Management (MDM) system without support and leverage the Maintenance & Support (M&S) contract to keep the system up and running. However, continuing down this course will leave AMI Operations with limited resources to troubleshoot and resolve new and complex issues, incorporate fixes to existing issues, and limit training opportunities with subject matter experts.

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS: TPU continues to work with this vendor due to their expertise and familiarity with the system they helped design and deploy. TPU chooses not to conduct a



competitive process because the resources already have the system access and controls needed. They are immediately available and ready to support the AMI Operations team, and they are already working on existing problems in the system.

CONTRACT HISTORY: This contract was originally awarded to Omnetric Corp. as a result of RFP Specification No. PS18-0062F in April 2019 and approved by the board on April 25, 2019 under resolution U-11080. The contract has been increased three times under the resolution authorization and renewed through 12/31/2022. In January 2021, the contract was converted to an "On Call" contract to support ongoing implementation and improvement needs. The contract has had five Task Authorizations to monitor and control the remaining budget of the contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: Not Applicable.

EIC/LEAP COMPLIANCE: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4700 - Power Fund	564301	5310100	\$109,500
4600 - Water Fund	582311	5310100	\$40,500
TOTAL			\$150,000

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			\$0

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$150,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A