Thursday, August 30, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 57

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with CIMS GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, Huntsville, AL, for the purchase of tuberculosis case management software and hardware in an estimated amount not to exceed \$116,256, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$60,000 per extension option, for an estimated total contract amount not to exceed \$356,256.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$67,256 is available in the 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department. Funding for the remaining 35 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Brad Brill, Buyer I, 972-4012

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 solicitation.

For the past three years, the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has utilized a hosted tuberculosis case management system called Communicable Disease Case Information System (CDCIS) from CIMS Global Technology Solutions. This system provides the department with a mechanism to provide complete tuberculosis case management, including surveillance, patient care, contact management, and drug treatment plans for patients. This system also provides numerous reports which are critical to the department's overall public health efforts.

This new contract will provide for an enhancement to the current CDCIS system. This enhancement will enable the department to record additional data elements required by the State of Texas and to process hand-written forms automatically through optical character recognition software called Teleform.

CIMS Global Technology Solutions is the developer and sole owner of the CDCIS system and is the only company able to directly integrate the Teleform system into the CIMS system currently in use by HHSD.