

AGENDA



Thursday, September 27, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 38**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements contract with the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) Austin, TX, for \$13,993,331 for the purchase of computer and network hardware and \$3,802,268 for computer and network maintenance for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$17,795,599.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$6,730,786 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budgets of various departments. Funding in the amount of \$11,014,813 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets of various departments and \$50,000 is available from a Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT) Grant for web based traffic video.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal Notes are attached

For More Information: Peter Collins, 974-2344; Mario Guerrero, Sr. Buyer 974-2596

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is to enable City departments to purchase various computer hardware products and maintenance services including but not limited to desktop PCs, laptop computers, servers, tablet computers, rugged laptops, thin client terminals, data storage systems, storage area networks, networking equipment, and mobile computer mounts through the Department of Information Resources. This contract will also include CISCO Networking products and SMARTnet maintenance services for the City's Local and Wide Area Networks. Switches, routers, and other equipment are used to interconnect desktop computers, servers, and printers throughout the City and to transmit and receive information via the internet.

DIR has continued to provide additional products and services through its program at competitively bid discounted prices. The purchasing power of the State of Texas is used to leverage purchasing effectiveness. Communications and Technology Management (CTM) reviews and approves technology purchases for all General Fund and Support Services Departments. All technology requests will undergo technology review to ensure compliance with citywide standards and technology compatibility with existing systems.

Small tools and minor equipment are not included in this request. This hardware will not be procured through the DIR contract. Instead, the estimated \$1 million in minor hardware budgets will be available for competitive bids for local vendors.

This agreement for the purchase or lease of the categories of various computer, networking products, and maintenance services referenced on the attached equipment table are available through the DIR

program. The equipment shown on the table is an example of the goods that will be purchased and related maintenance services. An additional vendor table lists some of the most used vendors for the Brand Name computer hardware and maintenance that the City of Austin most frequently purchases.