

AGENDA



Thursday, October 1, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 29**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR), Austin, TX, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$12,424,816 for the purchase of computer, telephone, and network hardware and \$3,007,040 for computer hardware, telephone, and network maintenance services for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$15,431,856.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$6,167,941 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budgets of various departments. Funding in the amount of \$5,120,848 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budgets of various departments. Funding in the amount of \$3,967,000 is available from Grants Budgets of various departments. Funding in the amount of \$176,067 is available in the Municipal Court Technology Fund.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are attached.

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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 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation. However, SMBR will assist in the identification of subcontracting opportunities on a case by case basis.

This contract is to enable City departments to purchase various computer, telephone, and network 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, telephony equipment, networking equipment, and mobile computer mounts through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR). This contract will also include networking and telephony products and maintenance services for the City's Local and Wide Area Networks and telephone systems such as switches, routers, and other equipment used to interconnect desktop computers, servers, and printers throughout the City in order to transmit and receive information via the internet.

Some of the significant planned purchases for 2010 through this cooperative agreement include: citywide hardware maintenance (for servers, network equipment and phones), storage (SAN), IT security equipment, replacement of aging computers and out-of warranty servers for APD, replacement of CAD PCs for the CTECC Back-up Center, communications and network equipment for ABIA, a telephony upgrade for Austin Energy and hardware for the grant-funded HSEM Fusion Project.

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 technological compatibility with existing systems.

A new policy has been implemented to increase MBE/WBE subcontracting opportunities when a cooperative purchasing contract is used to contract for any request that includes a service component. If subcontracting opportunities are identified, the standards and principles of the MBE/WBE Procurement Program will apply by establishing project specific MBE/WBE goals on cooperative purchasing contracts. The Offeror will be asked to contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) to obtain a list of MBEs and WBEs available to perform the services or supplies identified for the contract and make a Good Faith Effort to use available MBE and WBE firms. SMBR will review all cooperative purchasing contracts prior to the selection of a firm.