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AGENDA

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		**Item ID:**	18632	**Agenda Number**	24.
Meeting Date:	September 27, 2012				
Department:	Purchasing				

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with Skillpoint Alliance, Austin to continue the Community Technology and Training Center Program for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2012 in an amount not to exceed $287,833.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of $287,833 is in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 proposed Operating Budget of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding and future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	August 27, 2009 – Approved a 12-month contract with two 12-month extension options. February 20, 2009 – Approved a 12-month contract with no extension options; December 15, 2005 – Approved three additional years and increased total contract amount; October 24, 2002 – Approved three additional years and increased total contract amount; September 21, 2001 – Approved additional year and increased total contract amount; September 3, 1998 – Approved a 12¬month contract, with two 12-month extension options.
For More Information:	Jeff Dilbert, Corporate Purchasing Manager, 974-2021
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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 contract.
Related Items:	

In August, 1998, City Council approved the original contract with the Capital Area Training Foundation (CATF), now Skillpoint Alliance, to operate computer labs at Austin Independent School District, otherwise known as the Community Technology Training Centers (CTTC). Currently, community residents can receive the services at computer labs located at Travis High School and Reagan High School. Through previous actions, City Council approved continuation of the CTTC program with Skillpoint Alliance through fiscal year 2011 – 2012. The current proposal would re-name the existing CTTC Program to The Empower Computer Literacy Program (ECLP) and would operate computer labs at Travis High School, HACA – Georgian Manor, and the Skillpoint Office Computer Lab.

The ELCP program offers short and long-term classes designed to bring individuals into the digital age through technology training. The ELCP program provides computers and technology training in three geographical areas of Austin (Travis High School, HACA – Georgian Manor, and the Skillpoint Office Computer Lab) where computers and technology training are greatly needed. The extra computers provided to these schools through this program allow more high school students to learn technology skills. During the evening hours, these same classes are offered to adults. New technology skills increase participants' employability and expand the workforce skills in Austin that are important to a vibrant economy.

Under the program, Skillpoint Alliance has leveraged over $3,250,000 of in-kind contributions of classroom space, hardware, software and custodial services from AISD and has received private sector cash support from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, Dell Connected Communities, Department of Education, IBM, Southwestern Bell, WorkSource, 21st Century Grant (TEA), Travis County, Texas Pioneer Foundation, Microsoft Elevate America, and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Skillpoint Alliance receives in-kind contributions annually from various private sector companies including Microsoft Corporation, AMD, Titus Electric, Magnum Custom Trailers, Seton, St. David's and Edvance ResearchSkillpoint Alliance has worked closely with the City in creating, developing and enhancing the ECLP program. This close collaboration has helped Skillpoint Alliance become a nationally recognized best practices model of technology training and it has received national best practices recognition from the Ford Foundation, as well as regional recognition in the form of three Digital Inclusion Awards at the 2010 GTOPS 10th Anniversary Gala.