

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	46325	Agenda Number	8.
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2015				
Department:	Purc	hasing			

Subject

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with LAPTOPSANYTIME to provide a laptop and tablet kiosk distribution system for the Austin Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$85,361, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$7,437 each, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,235.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Austin Public Library.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source for a laptop and kiosk distribution system.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Jonathan Harris, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-974-1771			
Boards and Commission Action:				
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded as a sole source and is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.			
Additional Backup Information				

The contract is for the purchase of a laptop and tablet distribution kiosk system for use at the Milwood Branch Library which includes maintenance and support. This library is being renovated and the service model is adapting to include providing customers with the use of a computing device via an automated self-service computer dispensing kiosk. The self-service kiosk system will allow for the circulation (loaning) of multiple types of computers, running various operating systems (Windows, Chrome OS, OS X, and IOS) to meet a variety of customers' needs.

This system is capable of securely distributing laptops and tablets, allowing the customers multiple options on a variety of devices with their respective operating systems. It can also interface with the Library's current Automated Library System to accomplish the "Charge" function (checkout via library card and password) and "Return" function enabling the devices to be quickly available for circulation again. LaptopsAnytime is the only vendor with such a system.

The LaptopsAnytime system is unique in the following functions required by the Library:

- Using OS X, IOS, and Chrome OS, across tablet and laptop hardware which includes the Lenovo Ultrabook, Apple MacBook Air, Apple IPad and Google Chromebook.
- Compatible with Library's Automated Library System
- Built-in authentication and security process
- Provides tracking process and receipt for the customers and Library
- Automates the "wiping clean" of devices and electric charging before re-circulation thus minimizing downtime

This technology refresh is part of a voter approved 2012 Bond program for the Milwood Branch Library Renovation. There were two community input meetings held for this project (October 15, 2014 & November 19, 2014).

LaptopsAnytime is the only vendor to offer these self-service hardware or back-end software dispensing and maintenance/monitoring services and has no authorized resellers. This is the first library to receive this technology; however the technology may be rolled out to other branches based on the needs of the library and the availability of funding in the future. The 2012 Bond Library Projects funds are dispersed over multi-year periods for various libraries.