



**Recommendation for Council Action
Water & Wastewater Commission**

Council Meeting Date:	September 17, 2015
Department:	Purchasing
SUBJECT	
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of computer, telephone and network hardware and related maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$36,857,255. Austin Water's portion of the requested authorization is \$2,710,797.</p>	
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING	
<p>Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water. Funding is contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Water.</p>	
FISCAL NOTE	
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>	
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase
Prior Council Action:	N/A
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 11-0 vote on August 17, 2015. Recommendation No. 20150817-010. To be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Commission on September 8, 2015. To be reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission on September 9, 2015.
MBE/WBE:	This cooperative contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. SMBR will assist in the identification of subcontracting opportunities on a case by case basis.

The authorization is to enable City departments to purchase various computer, telephone, and network hardware products and maintenance including but not limited to desktop PCs, laptop computers, servers, data storage systems, and storage area networks through contracts solicited by the Department of Information Resources (DIR). This authorization will also include networking and telephony products, maintenance services for the City's local and wide area networks, telephone systems, and networking devices such as switches, routers, and other equipment used to interconnect desktop computers, servers, and printers throughout the City and to transmit and receive information via the internet.

Some of the significant planned purchases for 2015-2016 through this cooperative include:

- Austin Energy: capital hardware (information technology (IT), network and communications infrastructure)
- Citywide: contractual hardware maintenance
- Austin Energy: advanced distribution management system Phase 2
- Citywide: critical hardware replacement
- Hardware for the new Central Library
- Data storage for digital vehicular video and other Public Safety projects
- Austin Water: storage, servers, personal computers and laptops
- Aviation: IT equipment
- Storage refresh and expansion for the Combined Transportation Emergency and Communications Center and Public Safety Departments
- Citywide: computer replacement (not on personal computer refresh lease)

All items represented in this request have either been approved through the Fiscal Year 2016 budgeting process, or through prior approved Capital Improvement Project budgets. In addition, all technology purchases are reviewed for compliance with the City's technical and security standards.

This aggregated request for authorization goes before Council annually at the end of each fiscal year. The master agreements are set up for 12 months only, and spending authority does not carry over from year to year. The current DIR authority will expire October 1. Without new agreements in place, it will be very difficult for departments to purchase technology goods and services in an efficient manner, in turn leading to potential delays in the ability to provide needed services to citizens. Bringing forward all the requests for authorization at one time greatly reduces the number of individual Requests for Council Actions and significantly reduces the workloads of all staff involved.

DIR has continued to provide additional products and services through its cooperative purchasing program at competitively bid prices. The purchasing power of the State of Texas is used to leverage purchasing effectiveness. This spending authority request includes specifically identified technology needs as well as anticipated technology purchases that have been budgeted, but which are as yet unspecified.