

AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 64**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative purchasing program with INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR, Tempe, AZ, for hardware and related maintenance and support to replace the core networking equipment and local area network at One Texas Center in an amount not to exceed \$321,324.63.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$321,324.63 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Communication and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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MBE/WBE: This Cooperative 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.

This contract will provide for the replacement of the main core enterprise switches at One Texas Center and the replacement of out of warranty and out of service switches on each of the 13 floors. The networking infrastructure at One Texas Center was designed and installed over five years ago when the applications used by the City were much less susceptible to network responsiveness and there were substantially fewer people using the network.

This upgrade will improve the network response times throughout One Texas Center and will provide better customer service and a better customer experience to GIS, Public Works, the One Stop Shop, and others at that location. The upgrade will also provide a faster and more stable connection between One Texas Center and the data center at Waller Creek Center, helping to maintain a closer connection between the servers at Waller Creek and the workstations at One Texas Center.