

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	60164	Agenda Number	13.
Meeting Date:	August 4, 2016				
Department:	Purc	hasing			

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program with DELL MARKETING, L.P., to provide computer deployment services in an amount not to exceed \$875,000. Related to Item # 14

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$175,000 is contingent upon approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budgets of various departments. Funding for the remaining 48 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the departments to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractor is the current provider for these goods and services.				
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:					
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded by a cooperative purchase agreement with the Texas Department Information Resources in accordance with Chapter 2054 of the Texas Government Code; therefore, goals were not established.				
Additional Backup Information					

The contract is for deployment services to replace aging personal computers (PCs) and laptops. Utilizing external deployment services allows the City to maintain the current service levels for equipment and software support and ensures other information technology project timelines are not negatively impacted while deployment of new equipment proceeds. Contracted deployment services used during the previous five years have saved approximately 10,000 City staff hours. Using Dell for the deployment of the Dell systems ensures a seamless process that will reduce errors and downtime for employees. The deployment contract includes asset management services. Although no subcontracting goals were established, approximately 85-90% of the deployment work will be subcontracted out to a Dell certified MBE firm.

This Recommendation for Council Action is one of two that, when combined, fulfill the City's goal to continue to maintain PC hardware and software for the general fund departments on a five year lifecycle. It is essential that hardware be refreshed on a regular basis. Regular refreshes ensure that the City can take full advantage of the regular releases of Windows operating systems and associated software applications from Microsoft under the existing Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement.

Dell Marketing, L.P. is contracted through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program to provide these services to other public entities. The use of DIR contracts is intended to save taxpayer money by leveraging the state's volume-buying power to drive down costs on more than 600 technology contracts and deliver business value and maximize buying power through integrated technology supply chain services and through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.