



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2360, **Agenda Item #:** 99.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc., to provide cybersecurity services, for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$6,464,223.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Information Security Office; Communications and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,419,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of the Information Security Office. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these services. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the departments to provide the software and services required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for cybersecurity software, licensing, and services. Municipalities, federal agencies, utility organizations, and learning institutions across the country have experienced a dramatic increase in cyberattacks on their infrastructure over the past few years. Many of these attacks have led to the loss of sensitive operational data and have disrupted services. The City has recognized the need to implement increased security measures for a proactive approach. The procurement is part of a comprehensive citywide information security program which aligns with the May 12, 2021 President's Executive Order on improving the

nations' cybersecurity.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

The cybersecurity services contract is essential to the protection of the City's infrastructure and data integrity. The contract is necessary to identify, mitigate, and monitor possible security vulnerabilities that may exist within the City information technology environment. The contract is part of a comprehensive security program to assist in the continuous operations of City departments serving the community.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Government That Works for All.