



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3261, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

11/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., to provide security software, maintenance, and services, for a term of three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.

(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)

Communications and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$113,350 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Communications and Technology Management. 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 department to provide the services required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for Armis security software, maintenance, and services for public safety customers. Public Safety Information Technology utilizes this software as a service platform to enhance the security of critical infrastructure and to provide continuous vulnerability assessment and remediation.

This contract is new and represents a consolidation of purchases of these software and services into a single contract. The recommended contractor is the current provider of the software and services. This contract will renew the software and services that was purchased in the previous fiscal year. The requested authorization amount is based on forecasted needs for the term of the contract.

Without this contract, Public Safety Information Technology will not be able to meet customer service level

agreements and stability and security of critical infrastructures will be negatively impacted.

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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.