



**Recommendation for
Water & Wastewater Commission**

Commission Meeting Date:	September 13, 2017
Council Meeting Date:	September 28, 2017
Department:	Purchasing
Client:	Chris Stewart, Teri Pennington, and Rick Harland
SUBJECT	
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2017-2018 through THE STATE of TEXAS DEPARTMENT of INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of computer, network and other technology hardware, software and related maintenance and technology services in an amount not to exceed \$65,733,000. This is a multi-department contract. Austin Water's requested authorization is \$5,859,000.</p>	
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING	
<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital and/or Operating Budgets of Austin Water.</p>	
Purchasing Language:	<p>The State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contracts are Cooperative contracts solicited by the State of Texas specific to Information Technology items and services. When a need is determined, Purchasing Office staff will review quotes from multiple vendors with DIR contracts to ensure the best value for the City. Best value evaluations will include prices as well as local presence and MBE/WBE inclusion.</p>
Prior Council Action:	N/A
Boards and Commission Action:	September 13, 2017 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE/WBE:	<p>These contracts will be awarded by a cooperative purchase agreement with the State of Texas Department Information Resources in accordance with Chapter 2054 of the Texas Government Code.</p>

The authorization is to enable City departments to purchase the following through contracts solicited by the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR).

- Various computer, network and other technology hardware products and hardware maintenance including but not limited to desktop personal computers, laptop computers, servers, data storage systems, and storage area networks. This authorization will also include networking products and maintenance services for the City's local and wide area networks 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.
- Software and software maintenance and support.
- Technology consulting, technical training, information resources technology services and technology staffing.

This aggregated request for authorization goes before Council annually at the end of each fiscal year. The spending authority does not carry over from year to year. The current DIR authority will expire October 1, 2017. Without new authorization 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 Recommendations 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 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.

Some of the significant planned purchases for 2017-2018 through this cooperative for Austin Water include hardware, router switches for networking, servers, and storage for Austin Water data. These types of systems must be replaced within a lifecycle or risk an outage. Other planned purchases include hardware networking gear, cameras, storage devices, alarms, and software for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS), and Geographic Information System (GIS).

All items represented in this request have either been approved through the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budgeting process or through prior approved capital improvement project budgets (including IT Governance approved projects). In addition, all technology purchases are reviewed for compliance with the City's technical and security standards and all contracts in excess of the City Managers administrative authority are sent to the Small and Minority Business Resource Department for a goal determination.