



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1401, **Agenda Item #:** 30.

3/12/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., to provide software maintenance and support services for a hybrid cloud infrastructure system, for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$970,000.

(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 \$322,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Communications and Technology Management. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple vendors within this cooperative purchasing program 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 will provide continued maintenance and software support for the Nutanix hybrid cloud infrastructure system. Nutanix software is part of the core infrastructure that supports public safety data centers. The ongoing maintenance and support are necessary to ensure the Public Safety Information Technology division has a competitive level of technology agility, including more control to continue support of mission-critical public safety systems and uphold stability.

This contract represents a consolidation of purchases for these services into a single contract. The requested authorization amount is based on forecasted needs for the term of the contract.

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.

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