



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2346, **Agenda Item #:** 58.

7/29/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions Inc., for hardware, software and support services for a data management platform, for a term of three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$930,000.

(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 goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Communication and Technology Management.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$309,839 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Communication 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 goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide continued data management platform hardware, software and support services for the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communication Center (CTECC). Rubrik hardware and software is part of the core infrastructure that supports public safety data centers. The ongoing support is necessary to ensure CTECC can support mission-critical public safety systems and uphold stability.

The requested authorization amount is based on forecasted needs for the term of the contract.

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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 contract supports the Smart City initiative by increasing the City's ability to backup critical infrastructure and defend against ransomware threats using machine learning and artificial intelligence.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.