



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-3485, Agenda Item #: 16.**

12/8/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc. to provide Nutanix hardware, software maintenance, and support services for control systems and data management platforms, for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.

[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**

Financial Services Department.

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

All City Departments.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$2,540,000 is available in the Capital Budget of various City departments. Funding in the amount of \$850,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the departments 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 support for Nutanix hardware, software maintenance, support, and related professional services. Nutanix is a Hyper-Converged Infrastructure platform, with the flexibility to support multiple Hypervisor platforms for the Communications and Technology Management department (CTM) and Austin Energy (AE). Nutanix provides scalable server compute, storage, and networking resources in virtualized resources pools or clusters. The solution will continue providing information technology (IT) service delivery, management, workflow, and disaster recovery for servers and storage hardware resources for all CTM supported departments and AE. The solution also allows access to the most up to date software patches and contractor support 24/7 providing the best level of protection of City resources and data. This solution is servers with internal storage hardware, and intelligently manages that storage to improve efficiency and scalability of the IT infrastructure citywide.

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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.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Government that Works for All.