



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance & Financial Management

AGENDA DATE: December 13, 2023

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Procurement Services

EXECUTIVE: Jack Ireland

SUBJECT

Authorize a five-year cooperative purchasing agreement for software defined wide-area network technology solution for the Department of Information and Technology Services with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. through the General Services Administration cooperative agreement - Not to exceed \$1,337,685.72 - Financing: Data Services Fund (subject to annual appropriations)

BACKGROUND

This action does not encumber funds; the purpose of a cooperative purchasing agreement is to establish firm pricing for services, for a specific term, which are ordered on an as needed basis.

This cooperative purchasing agreement will provide for software defined wide-area network technology solution for the Department of Information and Technology Services. This will provide software defined wide area network routers (SDWAN) including virtual firewalls to support the first 100 city critical sites to the new corresponding secondary internet circuits for the city's project. These 100 SDWAN routers will provide redundancy and security and the software overlay needed to manage all secondary paths for the critical sites to allow network traffic to control bandwidth, provide backup functionality, Disaster Recovery, business continuity functionality and/or to augment our existing internet network connectivity throughout the selected sites.

The Department of Information and Technology Services will use these SDWAN router/firewalls and software to ensure the City's network will remain operable in case of a major outage at our current primary data center, City Hall. The entire City will benefit from the implementation of secondary circuits and their corresponding firewalls by virtue of providing the security and software management of the secondary internet connectivity to function as a backup, Disaster Recovery, business continuity, or supplemental circuit. The SDWAN routers/firewalls will manage the secondary circuits in the event of a disaster that renders the City's data center inoperable. As such, the secondary SDWAN manages how the internet circuits are used to deliver network traffic that will allow for the provision of the most crucial services, such as public safety and water to Dallas residents.

The General Services Administration cooperative agreement is authorized by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Subchapter F, Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code. Section 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code which authorizes a local government to participate in a Cooperative Purchasing Program with another local government or a local cooperative organization.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This item has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
Data Services Fund	\$334,421.43	\$334,421.43	\$668,842.86

M/WBE INFORMATION

In accordance with the City’s Business Inclusion and Development Policy adopted on September 23, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-1430, as amended, the M/WBE participation on this contract is as follows:

Contract Amount	Procurement Category	M/WBE Goal
\$1,337,685.72	Other Services	N/A
M/WBE Subcontracting %	M/WBE Overall %	M/WBE Overall Participation \$
N/A	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Business Inclusion and Development Policy does not apply to Cooperative Purchasing Agreements, however, the prime contractor is a certified MBE. • 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. - Non-local; Workforce - 0.00% Local 		

PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

Method of Evaluation for Award Type:

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative purchasing agreements enable the City to associate with State agencies, other local governments, or local cooperative organizations comprised of other state and local governments, to leverage market buying power and enable the City to purchase goods or services at lower prices • The cooperative purchasing agreement is an alternative method of meeting the requirements for competitive bidding or competitive sealed proposals, not an exception from that requirement
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