



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Government Performance & Financial Management

**AGENDA DATE:** June 28, 2023

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Procurement Services

**EXECUTIVE:** Jack Ireland

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize a three-year cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition and service maintenance and support of a threat and anomaly detection system for the Department of Information and Technology Services with Netsync Network Solutions through the Interlocal Purchasing System cooperative agreement - Not to exceed \$3,911,167.45 - 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 the acquisition and service maintenance and support of a threat and anomaly detection system for the Department of Information and Technology Services. This equipment and associated services will be crucial to protecting the City's network from cyber threats and hacks by alerting the Department of Information and Technology Services' Security Operations Center to threats and abnormalities on the city network. This solution will aid in protecting the city's network and systems against internal and external cyber threats to the organization including potential ransomware. Additionally, this system provides improved data storage capabilities for investigative purposes around cyber and log events, and reduces false threat alerts through artificial intelligence.

Some key benefits to upgrading the system include but not limited to:

- Decreased false positive security alerts
- Cloud-native platform decreasing the need for on-site storage
- 24/7/365 monitoring of the City's environment to provide the most crucial, accurate security alerts

The Interlocal Purchasing System 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 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
Data Services Fund	\$3,911,167.45	\$0.00	\$0.00

**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
\$3,911,167.45	Other Services	N/A
M/WBE Subcontracting %	M/WBE Overall %	M/WBE Overall Participation \$
N/A	100.00%	\$3,911,167.45
• The Business Inclusion and Development Policy does not apply to Interlocal Purchasing Agreements, however, the prime contractor is a certified M/WBE.		
• Netsync Network Solutions -Non-local; Workforce - 0.00% Local		

**PROCUREMENT INFORMATION**

Method of Evaluation for Award Type:

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li><li>• 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</li></ul>
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