



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance and Financial Management
AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Procurement Services
EXECUTIVE: Elizabeth Reich

SUBJECT

Authorize a three-year cooperative purchasing agreement, with two three-year renewal options, for the purchase of firewalls and equipment, related accessories, managed services, and support services for the Dallas Airport System for the Department of Aviation with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. through the Department of Information Resources cooperative agreement - Not to exceed \$658,939 - Financing: Aviation 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 allow for the purchase of firewalls and equipment, related accessories, managed services, and support services for the Department of Aviation (AVI). AVI falls under Transportation Critical Infrastructure Sector and Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21): Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience which advances a national policy to strengthen and maintain secure, functioning, and resilient critical infrastructure. The airport firewalls are the first line of defense to protect AVI's critical infrastructure from cyber threats. The current firewalls must have continued maintenance and support that will ensure protection for Dallas Love Field Airport. With major cyber-attacks such as 'SolarWinds' moving across the world, the City must stay on the cutting edge of technological infrastructure.

The Department of Information Resources 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.

On November 10, 2015, the City Council authorized a living wage policy that requires contractors to pay their employees a “living wage” rate as established annually by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator for Dallas County by Resolution No. 15-2141. The current calculated living wage during the solicitation process of this contract is \$12.38; the selected vendor meets this requirement.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On June 24, 2020, City Council authorized a one-year cooperative purchasing agreement for the purchase of firewalls and equipment, related accessories, managed services, and support for the Department of Information and Technology Services sold through Carahsoft Technology Corp. and distributed by GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. through the Department of Information Resources cooperative agreement by Resolution No. 20-1000.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Aviation Fund	\$658,939.00	\$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	M/WBE %	M/WBE \$
\$658,939.00	Other Services	N/A	100.00%	\$658,939.00
• The Business Inclusion and Development Policy does not apply to Cooperative Purchasing Agreements, however, the prime contractor is a certified M/WBE.				
• GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. - Non-local; Workforce - 6.67% 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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