



Legislation Text

File #: 23-539, **Version:** 1

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance & Financial Management
AGENDA DATE: March 8, 2023
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Procurement Services
EXECUTIVE: Jack Ireland

SUBJECT

Authorize a three-year cooperative purchasing agreement for a software subscription for the visualization of network servers and workloads including network traffic visualization, vulnerability assessment, and external threat management for the Department of Information and Technology Services with Cyber Watch Systems, LLC, through The Interlocal Purchasing System cooperative agreement - Not to exceed \$850,025.55 - 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 a software subscription for the visualization of network servers and workloads including network traffic visualization, vulnerability assessment, and external threat management for the Department of Information and Technology Services. This subscription provides visualization and micro-segmentation of the City's on-premise servers and cloud workloads.

The Department of Information and Technology Services previously implemented this service as a pilot program and runs it on the City's network environment to benefit the entire city. The City benefits through the addition of a tool that provides external threat management.

Some key benefits to continuing to use the tool include but are not limited to:

- Adds a layer of visualization and security for the City's network
- Continues a successful pilot program implemented in 2022
- Increases the City's Payment Card Industry compliance efforts

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	\$283,341.85	\$283,341.85	\$283,341.85

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
\$850,025.55	Goods	N/A
M/WBE Subcontracting %	M/WBE Overall %	M/WBE Overall Participation \$
N/A	N/A	N/A
• The Business Inclusion and Development Policy does not apply to Cooperative Purchasing Agreements.		
• Cyber Watch Systems, LLC - 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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OWNER

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