



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance & Financial Management
AGENDA DATE: May 24, 2023
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Procurement Services
EXECUTIVE: Jack Ireland

SUBJECT

Authorize a three-year cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition and service maintenance and support of a web application firewall and distributed denial of service protective technologies for the Department of Information and Technology Services with ePlus Technology, Inc. through the Interlocal Purchasing System cooperative agreement - Not to exceed \$514,784.43 - 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 web application firewall (WAF) and distributed denial of service (DDoS) protective technologies. This system will utilize security rules that filter, monitor, and restrict the flow of internet traffic by adhering to set policies. These policies will determine and differentiate between malicious and safe internet traffic. Implementing a WAF is an incredibly effective and automated strategy for protecting against malicious DDoS attacks.

Some of the key benefits include:

- Additional protective layers, for the protection of the City's new website
- Limits the impact to the City's website in the event of a DDoS cyber-attack
- Allows for the flow of normal website traffic related to normal business use
- Ensures City residents can access the City's services without contending with the

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	\$193,557.73	\$160,613.35	\$160,613.35

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
\$514,784.43	Other Services	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.		
• ePlus Technology, Inc. - Non-local; Workforce - 1.39% 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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