

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04FY2025 IT INFRASTRUCTURE MULTI COOP

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Non-Exclusive Cooperative Purchase Agreements for Information Technology Infrastructure Using the Interlocal Purchasing System for a Combined Annual Amount Up to \$3,200,000.00 for Identified Vendors and Authorize Renewal Options; Authorize Execution of Non-Exclusive Cooperative Purchase Agreements for Information Technology Infrastructure Using Multiple Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Contracts for a Combined Annual Amount Up to \$5,300,000.00 for Identified Vendors and Authorize Renewal Options for the Information Technology Solutions Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of non-exclusive Cooperative Purchase Agreements for the City's information technology infrastructure using The Interlocal Purchasing System Cooperative Contract No. TIPS 230105 with ePlus Technology, Inc., Netsync Network Solutions, Inc., and World Wide Technology, LLC, for a combined annual amount up to \$3,200,000.00 and authorize four one-year renewal options in the same annual amount;
2. Authorize the execution of non-exclusive Cooperative Purchase Agreements for the City's information technology infrastructure using Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Contract No. DIR-CPO-5347 with Netsync Network Solutions, Inc., Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC, and World Wide Technology, LLC for a combined annual amount up to \$4,200,000.00 and authorize four one-year renewal options in the same annual amount; and
3. Authorize the execution of non-exclusive Cooperative Purchase Agreements for the City's information technology infrastructure using Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Contract No. DIR-TSO-4288 and its successor contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., Netsync Network Solutions, Inc., Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC, and World Wide Technology, LLC for a combined annual amount up to \$1,100,000.00 and authorize four one-year renewal options in the same annual amount.

DISCUSSION:

The Information Technology Solutions Department (IT Solutions) has historically utilized non-exclusive cooperative purchasing agreements to support the City's information technology (IT) infrastructure. IT infrastructure includes equipment, software, and services that support the City's servers, data storage, virtual desktop environment, network and telephone systems. Additionally, these agreements support necessary refresh of equipment that has reached the end of lifecycle and new projects for all City departments.

On September 15, 2020, City Council approved Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) 20-0650 authorizing the execution of twenty-five (25) non-exclusive cooperative purchase agreements to support continued purchasing of IT infrastructure and support projects such as safety and security, new building projects, building upgrades, building renovations and building expansion. Approval of M&C 20-0650 eliminated prior spending authority authorized under M&C's P-12248, 19-0123 and 19-0270.

On September 28, 2021, City Council approved M&C 21-0753 authorizing the execution of fifteen (15) non-exclusive cooperative purchase agreements to support continued purchasing of IT infrastructure and upgrades necessary for New City Hall and renovations to the Fort Worth Convention Center. Approval of this M&C eliminated prior spending authority authorized under M&C 20-0650.

On February 14, 2023, City Council approved M&C 23-0061 authorizing the execution of seventeen (17) non-exclusive cooperative purchase agreements to request additional spending authority necessary to support continued purchasing of IT infrastructure to support larger projects, Infrastructure refresh, New City Hall, planned American Rescue Plan Act spending, and ongoing City growth. Approval of this M&C eliminated prior spending authority authorized under M&C 21-0753.

Upon Mayor and Council approval of this M&C, the IT Solutions Department will utilize these agreements to purchase IT infrastructure needed to support the City's day-to-day business activities. The IT infrastructure contracts also support planned ITS Capital Projects, including the Fiscal Year (FY) 25 Network Refresh project (City Project No. 106018) which is budgeted for \$3,600,000.00 and is scheduled to be purchased in the third quarter of FY25. Over the last four (4) fiscal years, funding from ITS Capital Projects has used a significant amount of previously approved contract authority.

Fiscal Year	ITS Capital Project Contract Spend	Total Contract Spend
2021	\$725,411.63	\$2,565,368.37
2022	\$1,646,482.04	\$4,100,900.38
2023	\$2,059,176.76	\$6,800,823.52

2024	\$4,675,873.51	\$6,612,064.62
2025 (Q1 & Q2)	\$1,497,988.06	\$5,798,008.59

Upon approval, non-exclusive cooperative purchase agreements will be executed utilizing the following cooperative contracts:

Cooperative Agency	Cooperative Reference	Expiration Date	Annual Amount
The Interlocal Purchasing System	TIPS 230105	5/31/2028	\$3,200,000.00
Texas Department of Information Resources	DIR-TSO-4288	5/22/2025	\$1,100,000.00
Texas Department of Information Resources	DIR-CPO-5347	1/7/2030	\$4,200,000.00

The maximum combined annual amount allowed under the TIPS 230105 Cooperative Agreements with ePlus, Netsync, and WWT will be \$3,200,000.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on needs of the department and available funding.

The maximum combined annual amount allowed under the DIR-CPO-5347 Cooperative Agreements with Netsync, Presidio, and WWT will be \$4,200,000.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on needs of the department and available funding.

The maximum combined annual amount allowed under the DIR-TSO-4288 Cooperative Agreements with ePlus, Netsync, Presidio, and WWT will be \$1,100,000.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on needs of the department and available funding.

Funding is available for the agreements within the Info Technology Systems Fund in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 and the remaining funding will be available upon adoption of the FY26 Operating budget. Other departments will provide separate funding when making a request for the purchase of IT Infrastructure. A funds availability verification will be performed by the participating department prior to the request. Approval of this M&C will not eliminate prior spending approval authorized under M&C 23-0061.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE: State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchase agreement satisfies State laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. Cooperative contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of local government entities across the State of Texas.

SUCCESSOR CONTRACTS: The City will initially use these cooperative agreements to make purchases authorized by this M&C. In the event a cooperative agreement is not renewed, staff would cease purchasing at the end of the last purchase agreement coinciding with a valid cooperative contract. If the City Council were to not appropriate funds for a future year, staff would stop making purchases when the last appropriation expires, regardless of whether the then-current purchase agreement has expired.

If the cooperative agreements are extended, this M&C authorized the City to purchase similar products under the extended contract. In the event a cooperative agreement is not extended, but vendor and cooperative purchasing agency execute new cooperative agreement(s) with substantially similar terms, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase the products under the new contract(s). If this occurs, in no event will the City continue to purchase goods and services under the new agreements past 2030 without seeking Council approval.

BUSINESS EQUITY: A goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

AGREEMENT TERM: Upon City Council's approval, these agreements will be executed upon signature by the Assistant City Manager and expire in accordance with the underlying cooperative agreements.

RENEWAL TERMS: The agreements may be renewed for four (4) one-year renewal terms, at the City's option. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal period.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds were and will be available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Info Technology Systems Fund, and upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget by the City Council funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, as appropriated in the Info Technology Systems Fund and the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Information Technology Solutions Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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