

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04EPLUS CYBERSECURITY TIPS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Amendment No. 3 to Contract with ePlus Technology, Inc. to Increase the Annual Contract Amount by \$700,000.00 for the Purchase of Cybersecurity Goods and Services for a Revised Annual Amount of \$800,000.00 for the City through Information Technology Solutions Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of Amendment No. 3 to City Secretary Contract No. 59952 with ePlus Technology, Inc. to increase the annual contract amount by \$700,000.00 for a revised annual amount of \$800,000.00 with a 5% annual increase to purchase and maintain Cybersecurity goods and services for City Departments through the Information Technology Solutions Department.

DISCUSSION:

On August 8, 2023, the City executed City Secretary Contract (CSC) No. 59952 with ePlus Technology, Inc. using The Interlocal Purchasing System, (TIPS) , Cooperative Contract No. 230105 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for Cybersecurity products for the City through the Information Technology, (IT), Solutions Department.

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication, (M&C), will authorize IT Solutions to procure cybersecurity products at a lower cost, supporting the City's efforts to maintain fiscally responsible cyber protections.

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 the TIPS contract to make purchases authorized by this M&C. In the event a TIPS cooperative contract 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.

In the event a TIPS cooperative agreement is not extended, but TIPS executes a new cooperative agreement with substantially similar terms, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase the goods and services under the new TIPS contract. If this occurs, in no event will the City continue to purchase goods and services under the new agreement for more than four (4) years without seeking Council approval.

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 if sufficient funds have been appropriated.

AGREEMENT TERM: Upon City Council's approval and execution of Amendment No. 3 to CSC 59952, the initial term of the agreement will expire in accordance with the terms and conditions of TIPS 230105 or applicable successive cooperative agreement for the same products and services.

RENEWAL OPTIONS: The agreements may be renewed in accordance with the underlying cooperative agreement, 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.

Funding will be budgeted in Other Contractual Services account within the Info Technology Systems Fund for Fiscal Year 2026.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and 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. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Information Technology Solutions Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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