# City of Fort Worth, Texas Mayor and Council Communication

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# M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0133

### LOG NAME: 04NEW MULTI-COOP AGREEMENT WITH GTS TECH FOR POLICE CAMERAS

# SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Cooperative Purchase Agreements with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. for Hardware, Software, Technology, and Maintenance for the FY24 PD Citywide Camera Project (City Project No. 105516) For an Annual Amount Up to \$600,000.00 with Four One-Year Renewal Options for the Police Department Through the Information Technology Solutions Department

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of cooperative purchase agreements with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. for hardware, software, technology, and maintenance for the FY24 PD Citywide Camera project (City Project No. 105516) for an annual amount up to \$600,000.00 with four (4) one-year renewal options for the Police Department through the Information Technology Solutions Department.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to request authorization for execution of cooperative purchase agreements with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. (GTS) to purchase hardware, software, technology, and maintenance in support of the FY24 PD Citywide Camera project (City Project No. 105516). The Fort Worth Police Department Electronic Surveillance Unit (ESU) builds 150 to 200 surveillance cameras per year to support the citywide camera project, other police projects and support other department requests for cameras. All cameras feed into the Police Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) to provide 24/7 monitoring of high crime areas. These cameras are vital in helping reduce violent crime in these areas by providing critical information to detectives regarding suspects, suspect vehicles, and other evidence in criminal offenses.

The Police Department purchases camera hardware, cellular modems, antennas, and other components from GTS to build custom cameras to fit the exact needs for surveillance. There are approximately 1,200 surveillance cameras currently deployed in the City. These cameras require routine maintenance, updating, and replacement, most of which is available for purchase through GTS.

In 2024, using mostly GTS parts, Police built cameras for the Environmental Services, Fire, Water, Transportation Public Works - Stormwater, and Information Technology Solutions Departments and two Neighborhood Improvement Projects (NIP). One new NIP is planned for 2025. Other departments and NIPs provide separate funding when making a request for cameras to be built by Police. A funds availability verification will be performed by the participating department prior to the request.

This M&C requests authorization to execute three cooperative agreements through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) and Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) with a shared contract authority of \$600,000.00. The cooperative agreements are as follows:

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	COOPERATIVE EXPIRATION DATE
TIPS 230105	May 31, 2028
DIR-CPO-4751	March 14, 2026
DIR-CPO-5097	November 21, 2027

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 and DIR contracts to make purchases authorized by this M&C. In the event a TIPS or DIR 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.

If the TIPS or DIR cooperative is extended, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase similar equipment and services under the extended contract. In the event a TIPS or DIR cooperative agreement is not extended, but TIPS or DIR executes new cooperative agreement(s) with substantially similar terms, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase the equipment and services under the new TIPS or DIR contract(s). 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 and execution of the cooperative agreements, the initial terms of the agreements will expire in accordance with the terms and conditions of TIPS or DIR cooperative agreements or applicable successive cooperative agreements for the same products and services.

RENEWAL OPTIONS: The agreements may be renewed in accordance with the underlying cooperative agreements, 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 is available for the agreements in the FY24 PD Citywide Camera project within the CCPD Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$343,084.57 and the remaining funding will be available upon adoption of the FY26 Crime Control & Prevention District's Operating budget.

# FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the CCPD Capital Projects Fund for the FY24 PD Citywide Camera, 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, to support approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreements. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Information Technology Solutions and the Police Departments have the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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