

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**SUBJECT**

Authorize Amendments to Professional Services Agreements with SRB Systems Inc., Abacus Technical Services LLC, Luna Data Solutions, Inc., APEX Systems LLC, Insight Global LLC, TEKsystems, Inc., GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., and Kforce, Inc. for Staff Augmentation Services in the Amount of \$300,000.00, for a New Annual Total of \$2,400,000.00, for the Information Technology Solutions Department (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize amendments to Professional Services Agreements with SRB Systems Inc., Abacus Technical Services LLC, Luna Data Solutions, Inc., APEX Systems LLC, Insight Global LLC, TEKsystems, Inc., GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., and Kforce, Inc. for staff augmentation services in the amount of \$300,000.00, for a new total of \$2,400,000.00, for the Information Technology Solutions Department. (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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**DISCUSSION:**

Temporary personnel are recruited from the staffing agencies to assist in the development and implementation of specialized technology projects and to use as temporary backfills for staffing vacancies. On November 1, 2016, City Council approved Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) C-27983, authorizing the execution of Professional Service Agreements with staff augmentation vendors APEX Systems, Sentari Technologies, Inc., TEKsystems, Inc., and Kforce, Inc. in the annual amount of \$2,100,000.00. M&Cs C-28636 and C-28999 were subsequently executed to add additional vendors SRB Systems Inc, Insight Global LLC, and Luna Data Solutions, Inc. as authorized vendors, increasing the opportunity of receiving competitive pricing. Sentari Technologies, Inc. merged with Abacus Technical Services LLC in November, 2016. The annual spending authority was increased by \$100,000.00 in April of 2020 using an Administrative Change Order allowed per M&C C-28999 for a total annual amount of \$2,200,000.00.

The Water Department is implementing a specialized technology project requiring the use of temporary personnel. This increased capacity was not factored into the original total spend amount therefore an increase authority is needed. The Water Utility MyH2O initiative represents a utility-wide transformation of Fort Worth's Water business. This program implements new automated metering infrastructure (AMI) technology to enhance water delivery, support conservation, and improve the customer experience. Phase II of the MyH2O program launches projects identified during future state process discovery and requirements workshops identified during Phase I. Current staff must be augmented with contract staff in order to complete approved projects and to maintain current levels of support. Current state support includes daily maintenance and support tasks, previously approved projects, and ongoing ad-hoc support. Additional funds authorized by this M&C will be used to support the progress of this project.

These agreements serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Water & Sewer Fund to support approval of the above recommendation and execution of the amendments. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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