City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/28/25 **M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0994

LOG NAME: 04AMEND IT INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENTS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Amendments to Non-Exclusive Agreement with Identified Vendors for Information Technology Infrastructure in the Amount of $2,300,000.00 for a Revised Shared Annual Authority of $6,600,000.00 with Four One-Year Renewal Options at a Ten Percent Annual Increase for the Information Technology Solutions and Water Departments

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of amendments in the amount of $1,800,000.00 to non-exclusive agreements for the City's information technology infrastructure, using The Interlocal Purchasing System Contract No. TIPS 230105, with ePlus Technology, Inc., Netsync Network Solutions, Inc., and World Wide Technology, LLC, for a revised shared annual authority of $5,000,000.00 with four one-year renewal options at a ten percent annual increase; and
2. Authorize execution of amendments in the amount of $500,000.00 to non-exclusive agreements for the City's information technology infrastructure, using Texas Department of Information Resources Contract No. DIR-CPO-5687, with ePlus Technology, Inc., Netsync Network Solutions, Inc., Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC, and World Wide Technology, LLC, for a revised shared annual authority of $1,600,000.00 with four one-year renewal options at a ten percent annual increase.

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 May 13, 2025, City Council approved Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) 25-0390 authorizing the execution of ten (10) non-exclusive agreements, utilizing three (3) cooperative agreements, to support continued purchasing of IT infrastructure needed to support the City's day-to-day business activities.

At close of Fiscal Year 2025, approximately 44% of shared contract capacity authorized by M&C 25-0390 for the non-exclusive agreements utilizing The Interlocal Purchasing System Cooperative (TIPS) Contract No. 230105 had already been exhausted. These non-exclusive agreements will renew in May 2026, with approximately $1.8 million available for purchases in the remaining eight (8) months of the current term. The estimated cost for planned IT infrastructure purchases utilizing TIPS 230105 between October 2025 and May 2026 is $3,086,000.00. Based on current estimates and known renewal dates; shared contract capacity will be completely exhausted by mid November 2025.

The non-exclusive agreements utilizing Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Contract No. DIR-CPO-5687 renew in May 2026. The estimated cost for planned IT infrastructure purchases utilizing DIR-CPO-5687 between October 2025 and March 2026 is $944,000.00. Planned IT infrastructure purchases for the IT Solutions and Water Departments will exhaust 90% of shared contract capacity, leaving approximately $110,000.00 available for other department needs.

Upon Mayor and Council approval of this M&C, the IT Solutions and Water Departments will utilize these amendments to support continued purchasing of IT infrastructure equipment, software, and services.

Upon approval, the revised shared annual authority of the non-exclusive agreements will be in the following amounts:

Cooperative Agency	Cooperative Reference	Expiration Date	Original Annual Amount	Revised Annual Amount
The Interlocal Purchasing System	TIPS 230105	05/31/2028	$ 3,200,000.00	$ 5,000,000.00
Texas Department of Information Resources	DIR-CPO-5687	05/19/2031	$ 1,100,000.00	$ 1,600,000.00

The maximum combined annual amount allowed under the TIPS 230105 Cooperative Agreements with ePlus, Netsync, and WWT will be $5,000,000.00; 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 $1,600,000.00; 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 $2,300,000.00. 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.

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 beyond 2030 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 as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

AGREEMENT TERM: Upon City Council's approval, these amendments 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 each with a 10% annual increase, 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 upon approval of the recommendations, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously 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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