



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6039, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

11/21/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for migration of applications to a cloud provider for Communications and Technology Management with Carahsoft Technology Corp., for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000. Funding: \$846,436 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Communications and Technology Management. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Communications and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

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Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of Communications and Technology Management to provide these services required for the City.

MBE/WBE:

Cooperative Agreements are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide modernized tools, licensing, and services to migrate applications to a cloud service provider, to decommission on-premise legacy technology. This will allow Communications and Technology Management (CTM) to become more responsive to business demands by lowering the time to deliver new application integrations, enhance the City's security and disaster tolerance while decreasing the City's capital investments. Public cloud computing services are uniquely positioned to support the City's strategic technology requirements by allowing CTM to delegate administrative overhead and focus on its core functions.

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that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.

If this request is not approved, CTM will be unable to provide comprehensive application integration services to all City departments, and new integration requests will continue to take more development time than would be the case using the cloud environment. Additionally, CTM will not be able to take advantage of the security enhancements within the cloud platform that would allow integrations to transmit data more securely.