

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 29, 2015

TO Members of the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee: Jerry R. Allen (Chair),  
Jennifer Staubach Gates (Vice-Chair), Tennell Atkins, Sheffie Kadane, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT Upcoming Agenda Item: Hewlett Packard Servers Acquisition Contract

The June 17, 2015 Council Agenda will include an item to establish a five-year acquisition contract to purchase enterprise class servers from Hewlett Packard Company through the Department of Information Resources, State of Texas Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$2,499,988.

This contract will allow Communication and Information Services (CIS) to continue purchasing various types of servers, related equipment and accessories. CIS has an ongoing need to acquire servers for various reasons such as to replace aging equipment, for new system deployments or to increase capacity in the various server environments. This will aid CIS in continuing efforts to sustain and stabilize the various City server environments, implement scheduled technology refreshes, and reduce electrical consumption with more energy efficient equipment while delivering a more robust and efficient processing solution to City departments and end users.

The current master agreement expires on November 12, 2017; however, the originally approved funds have been exhausted due to a high demand for servers in support of new Information Technology (IT) projects over the last two and a half years. Utilizing this agreement for those purchases ensured that IT project deadlines were met. Examples include the replacement of the Court Case Management System, CAD Dispatch hardware refresh, upgrades to the Advantage Financial and Citizen Response Management Systems, the upgrade at 27 branch libraries for public use PCs with virtual desktops and the refresh of the City Hall server farm with 25 high end virtual servers that replaced 625 older dedicated servers.

This action does not encumber funds; the purpose of an acquisition contract is to establish firm pricing for goods, for a specific term, which are ordered on an as needed basis.

Please contact Bill Finch at 670-1890 if you have any questions.

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Mark McDaniel

Assistant City Manager

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
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