

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: 09/23/2014		DATE SUBMITTED: 09/05/2014	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Information Technology		SUBMITTED BY: Leann Jones	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
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			<input type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
<p>AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider approval to authorize a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) with Howard Technology Solutions for desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract. Annual expenditure for desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals for Fiscal Year 2015 are estimated not to exceed \$100,000.00.</p>			
<p>SUMMARY STATEMENT: The City's Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) with Howard Technology Solutions is for the purchase of desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals at discounted rates off the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract. Howard is a new DIR company for the City's computer hardware. However, Howard has been providing competitive pricing to BTU for the last two (2) years. Due to better price points and efficiencies gained with the administration of like assets at BTU and COB, Information Technology switched to HP desktop/notebook computers in FY14. This switch will continue for FY15 and the foreseeable future should pricing remain competitive.</p> <p>Since 2005 and each subsequent year thereafter, City Council has approved the City's participation in a cooperative purchasing agreement between DIR and Dell Marketing L.P. at an annual expense in the range from \$68,000.00 to \$195,000.00. This new BPO with Howard will be used in conjunction with GHA Technologies and Southern Computer Warehouse BPO's.</p> <p>For FY15, the Information Technology (IT) staff estimates the expenses for desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals through Howard, across all General Fund, enterprise, grant, donations and court technology accounts, will not exceed \$100,000.00. The requested \$100,000.00 BPO is \$174,400.00 less than the approximate sum of all FY15's 21-16 accts (Computer Equipment less than \$5,000.00) across all General and Enterprise funds plus expected Grant, library funding and court technology purchases for FY15.</p> <p>IT staff makes recommendations on replacement and acquisition of desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals to departments, and then IT staff places orders for the City.</p> <p>City staff respectfully requests City Council approve the creation of this BPO in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00. This BPO will cover computer expenses for FY15. A BPO does not require the total expenditure of \$100,000.00 but allows for expenses up to this amount.</p> <p>The following is the last five (5) year BPO history for desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPO# 140380: \$128,279.14 FY 2014 (10/01/13 – 9/30/14 - projected) 			

- BPO# 130359: \$ 87,104.50 FY 2013 (10/01/12 – 9/30/13)
- BPO# 120172: \$100,428.69 FY 2012 (10/01/11 – 9/30/12)
- BPO# 110605: \$ 32,124.55 FY 2011 (02/09/11 – 9/30/11)
- BPO# 100384: \$103,701.00 FY 2010 (11/25/09 – 1/10/11)

Replacement physical computers cost approximately:

- \$1,000.00 without monitor;
- \$1,200.00 with monitor; and,
- \$1,600.00 laptop.

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) was created by the State of Texas to ensure the effective and efficient use of public funds for information technology services and equipment through the application of statewide services and technologies with emphasis on cooperative purchasing projects. The Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, authorizes local governments to directly contract with DIR enabling participating entities to take advantage of the purchasing power of the State of Texas. Procuring information technology products and services through DIR contracts will save the City time and money as all products and services offered through DIR contracts have been subjected to a competitive bid process with vendors offering substantial discounts to all participating entities based on the State’s anticipated volume of purchases. The majority of items purchased off this contract include desktop PCs, laptops, monitors, printers and various other miscellaneous computer purchases. These items are necessary for the efficient day-to-day operation of the City.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: On April 8, 2014, support ended for Windows XP. Microsoft no longer provides any updates or security patches for any XP system, which poses a potential security risk/liability to our network. While this budget will not eliminate all end-of-life XP PCs, it does focus on phasing out unsupported assets. Many older model PC’s currently in service are not compatible with Windows 7 and therefore cannot be upgraded, and must be replaced (example: Dell GX620 & 745 models).

The Information Technology Department respectfully requests City Council approval of the City’s BPO with Howard Technology Solutions for the purchase of desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals off the DIR contract. Approval allows for the continued purchase of desktop/notebook computers and related peripherals to ensure continued reliable operation of computer systems.

OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):

1. Approve the BPO as recommended.
2. Approve the BPO with a change in the contract amount, which may require consideration at a future City Council meeting.
3. Do not approve the BPO and formally bid the required services and equipment.

ATTACHMENTS: State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) with pricing and discounts (pdf)

FUNDING SOURCE:

Various funding sources will be used, including:

- Grant funding
- Information Technology Department (FY2015 budget)
- Other City department funds (FY2015 Enterprise and General Fund departments)
- Court Technology funding

APPROVALS: Hugh R. Walker, 09/05/2014

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: Janis K. Hampton, 09-15-2014