



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 18, 2012

TITLE: Motion to approve the City-wide purchase of computer replacements -
\$293,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of replacement personal computers (PCs) and laptops from Dell Marketing Corporation via the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract for an estimated total not to exceed \$293,000.

Background

In order to meet the requirements of the Purchasing Ordinance, the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department assembles a plan to purchase replacement desktops, laptops and servers. The ITS Department establishes a minimum level of configuration based upon the age and anticipated use of the equipment. The current replacement schedule for servers, desktops and laptops is five years; however, due to budget constraints, the schedule has fallen behind.

ITS attempts to maintain a firm replacement schedule in order that the equipment fulfills the needs of users; the technology does not lag; and the expense is smoothed over budget cycles. Current funding has not allowed for timely replacement of the aging inventory and computers are failing city-wide in addition to being unable to support the latest software upgrades because of hardware configurations.

In addition to aging, there is a time constraint to upgrade all computers running Windows XP to a newer operating system by August 2014. Microsoft will no longer be supporting Windows XP and all security updates will end by this date. The aging computers over 6 years old will not support Windows 7 and therefore must be replaced by August 2014.

This recommendation will fulfill only the most critical needs to replace desktop and laptop computer equipment that cannot be delayed due to age, hardware issues, or unsupported operating systems. For the past several years, the City has chosen Dell

PCs based on superior service, support, and pricing. Purchases will be made from the WSCA (Western States Contracting Alliance) contract, which provides the best pricing structure based on a much larger volume than the City's individual volume. In addition to the greater cost savings, Dell has provided the City access to their "Premier" web site. This site allows the City to configure systems directly online utilizing the reduced pricing schedules.

Other less critical replacements of desktop and laptop computer equipment will be postponed for several months due to several research projects currently in progress [(such as Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI))] and other rapid changes in technology for providing recommendations on the best way to replace the remainder of the aging inventory and outdated software.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$293,000

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:								
SUB								
FY	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	581	01	CENTRAL SERVICES	ITS040101	APPLICATION SERVICES	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$ 130,000.00
2013	581	01	CENTRAL SERVICES	ITS070101	POLICE ITS	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$ 107,000.00
2013	450	01	WATER & SEWER	PBS670101	TREATMENT OPER	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$ 25,000.00
2013	461	01	PARKING SYSTEM	TAM020101	PARKING CUST SVCS	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$ 9,000.00
2013	468	01	AIRPORT	TAM070101	EXECUTIVE AIRPORT	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$ 4,000.00
2013	129	02	Misc Fed/State/County Grants	GLLEBG14	Byrne Memorial Justice Assist 2012	3946	TOOLS & EQUIP < \$5,000	\$ 18,000.00
							TOTAL	\$ 293,000.00

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