



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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** November 5, 2013

**TITLE:** Motion to approve the City-wide purchase of computer hardware and  
software additions and replacements - \$1,448,480

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of replacement personal computer and laptops from Dell Marketing Corporation via the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract for an estimated total not to exceed \$1,275,480 and Microsoft software licenses from SHI International Corp. via the State of Florida contract 252-001-09-1 for an estimated total not to exceed \$168,000. The combined total of this purchase is estimated not to exceed \$1,448,480.

**Background**

In order to meet the requirements of the Purchasing Ordinance, the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department assembles a plan to purchase new and replacement desktops, laptops and servers. The ITS Department establishes a minimum level of configuration based upon the age and anticipated use of the equipment.

ITS attempts to maintain a firm replacement schedule so that the equipment fulfills the needs of users; the technology does not lag; and the expense is smoothed over budget cycles. The current replacement schedule for servers, desktops and laptops is on average five years; however, due to budget constraints in previous years, funding was not adequate for timely replacement of the aging inventory and computers. This year's request includes \$700,000 budgeted for replacement of the Police mobile laptop equipment, most of which are six years or older.

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

The ITS Department is also recommending approval to purchase Microsoft Office 2010 licenses from SHI International Corp. via the State of Florida contract, which currently offers a 27.9% discount off of Microsoft Select software licenses. This purchase will complete the upgrade of remaining City computers to a consistent version of Microsoft Office 2010.

The ITS Department continues to recommend Dell computers 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.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$1,448,480.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:								
FY	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2014	001	01	General	POL030101	Operations	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$700,000
2014	001	01	General	POL020208	Police Finance Admin	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$8,000
2014	001	01	General	POL030501	Red Light Camera Enforc	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$10,000
2014	001	01	General	HRD010101	Human Resources	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$2,000
2014	581	01	Central Services	ITS040101	Applications Services	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$275,000
2014	581	01	Central Services	ITS050101	Infrastructure & Oper.	6404	COMPUTER EQUIP	\$9,000
2014	581	01	Central Services	ITS070101	Police ITS	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$173,000
2014	581	01	Central Services	ITS100101	Information Security	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$2,000
2014	450	01	Water & Sewer	PBS060101	Utilities Engineering Oper	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$7,000
2014	450	01	Water & Sewer	PBS660101	Distribution & Collection Oper	6404	COMPUTER EQUIP	\$40,000
2014	450	01	Water & Sewer	PBS660101	Distribution & Collection Oper	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$5,000
2014	450	01	Water & Sewer	PBS670101	Treatment Oper	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$20,000
2014	450	01	Water & Sewer	PBS670302	Fiveash Maintenance	6404	COMPUTER EQUIP	\$50,000
2014	461	01	Parking System	TAM010101	Transp & Mobility Admin	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$8,000
2014	468	01	Airport	TAM070101	Executive Airport	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$5,000
2014	142	01	Building Technology	DSD034204	Building Technology	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$119,646
2014	001	01	General	DSD010101	Urban Design & Develop	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$4,834
2014	409	01	Sanitation	PKR080501	Public Places Cleaning	3925	OFFICE EQUIP < \$5000	\$10,000
							<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,448,480</b>

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 11:** Be a well-trained, innovative, and neighbor-centric workforce that builds community.
- **Objective 4:** Provide a reliable and progressive technology infrastructure
- **Initiative 2:** Implement the Information Technology Strategic Plan for improved operational efficiencies and increased employee productivity.

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