



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

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

DATE: April 1, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve the purchase of information technology consulting
services - \$195,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of information technology consulting services, via the State of Florida contract #973-561-10-1, from TEKsystems Inc. for an annual amount estimated not to exceed \$195,000.

Background

The Information Technology Services (ITS) Department has several vacant positions. With technology in such high demand, it has become difficult to retain quality technical staff. The ITS Department has many projects in progress with key timelines that will be impacted without quality technical staff to assist with the work.

The ITS Department has already purchased services from TEKsystems to temporarily fill two vacant positions for staff working on the city-wide telephone system upgrade (as well as the day to day management of the network and Internet). TEKsystems was issued a purchase order for \$49,199. In order to continue using their staff augmentation services in excess of \$50,000, City Commission approval is required.

A currently vacant position from the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) group is responsible for developing and maintaining in-house GIS web applications; additional staffing services would be utilized to assist with that work, which includes key projects associated with the Department of Sustainable Development's OneSolution software upgrade project.

Staff recommends purchasing information consulting services from TEKsystems to provide continuing assistance for the city-wide telephone systems upgrade, GIS web applications, and special projects as well as to assist with other workloads impacted by vacancies.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$195,000.

<i>Funds available as of March 11, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
581-ITS020102-3199	Voice/Data Communications	Utilities Communications and Mail/ Telephone/Cable TV	\$962,283	\$689,959	\$195,000
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$195,000

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

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are United*.

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