



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#21-1184

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving Increase in Funds for Communication Equipment
Installation, Removal & Troubleshooting - Tech Tronix Pro Inc. - \$70,001 -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an increase in funds for the purchase of communications services which include troubleshooting, repair of equipment, components, accessories, installation and removal of subscriber two-way mobile radios, and technical communications services to augment supporting technical services of the Information Technology Services Department (ITS) with Tech Tronix Pro Inc. (TTP) in the amount of \$70,001; (\$180,000 estimated in Fiscal Year 2022).

Background

ITS is responsible for technical communications support and services of the mission-critical Public Safety Radio System, peripherals, components, and accessories which are utilized by Police, Fire Rescue, and other City departments.

The described City departments rely on services provided by TTP to ensure operational continuity of critical Public Safety communications services. These services include, but are not limited to, installation, configuration, troubleshooting, and repair of two-way mobile Public Safety radio equipment and components.

The City publicly solicited Quick Quote No. 1802-008 for Communication Equipment Installation, Removal & Troubleshooting on February 27, 2018. The bid was awarded to TTP as a non-agenda award. The annual spend for the described vendor has been just under \$100,000 per year, and the contract will expire March 4, 2022. The ITS team is currently working on a formal solicitation for communication equipment installation removal & troubleshooting and technical communications services.

Pursuant to Section 2-178(C)(13), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the Chief Procurement Officer will be taking the necessary action to extend the current contract up to two hundred seventy (270) days, to ensure sufficient time for issuance of a new solicitation and subsequent contract award.

The ITS Public Safety Division continues to face staffing challenges with the vacancy of two (2) highly technical positions, due to retirements and specialized talent availability in the job market. ITS is actively recruiting for these vacancies, however, to ensure continued communication services, the department is seeking to augment these technical responsibilities on an as-needed-basis by utilizing contractual services already in place.

Providing supplemental funding to the existing award is necessary to fulfill the demand for the described critical technical services. ITS anticipates an annual expenditure of \$180,000 in the last contract year. The additional \$70,001 will ensure services are maintained while IT continues its recruitment for the aforementioned vacancies.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact in FY22 budget of \$70,001. Funds for this purchase in the amount of \$70,001 are available in the accounts listed below. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the annual budget.

<i>Funds available as of December 9, 2021</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
581-ITS070102-3199	ITS Radio Communications	Service & Materials – Professional Services	\$946,107	\$171,960	\$35,000
581-ITS070101-3199	ITS Police	Service & Materials – Professional Services	\$1,066,773	\$658,852	\$35,000
581-ITS160101-3199	ITS Security	Service & Materials – Professional Services	\$624,737	\$512,348	\$10,001
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$70,001

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Provide a reliable and progressive technology infrastructure

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 1802-008 Tabulation Packet

Exhibit 2 – 1802-008 Commodities Contract Award

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