

Legislation Text

File #: 21-911, **Version:** 2

PRESENTER:

Tony Gonzalez, Director of Information Technology

SUBJECT:

Approval of a purchase with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc for networking equipment to support the Westside Community Center Library, Fire Station 7 and Fire Training facilities being constructed as part of the 2019 Bond Program and the Creekside TIRZ No. 1, and to authorize the City Manager to execute any change orders up to the contingency amount.

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: All

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2019 Bond Program included the construction of the Westside Library, Fire Station 7 and the Fire Training Facility. The Westside Community Center Library began construction in April 2021 and Fire Station 7 with the Training Center is scheduled to begin construction in 2022. As these buildings are currently under or about to go under construction, staff requests council consideration to purchase the networking equipment required to make these buildings functional in regard to technology needs.

Given current lead times in the industry, the timing of this purchase will insure we do not experience delays in opening these new buildings as a result of networking equipment not being on hand.

It is recommended that the equipment purchase be made with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. utilizing the State of Texas DIR contract, thereby satisfying all competitive procurement requirements. Staff is recommending the approval of this purchase for a contract amount of \$98,263, plus an additional ten percent contingency for a total contract of \$108,089. The breakdown of the costs by each building is provided below:

Fire Station 7 - \$28,612
Fire Training - \$24,517
Westside Library - \$45,135

ISSUE:

Construction of the Westside Community Center Library and Fire Station 7 and Fire Training Center will require networking equipment to support the buildings functionality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these costs have been incorporated into the project budgets within the 2019 bond program and through the Creekside TIRZ (Fire Station 7). Therefore, sufficient funds are available to approve the purchase as described above.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a purchase with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc for networking equipment to support the Westside Community Center Library, Fire Station 7 and Fire Training facilities being constructed as part of the 2019 Bond Program and the Creekside TIRZ No. 1, and to authorize the City Manager to execute any change orders up to the contingency amount.