

SUBJECT***Computer Servers Replacement*****RECOMMENDATION**

To authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with Sirius Computer Solutions to replace Long Beach Transit's computer servers' hardware, for a total authorization amount not to exceed \$182,400.

BACKGROUND

Long Beach Transit (LBT) traditionally replaces its computer hardware equipment every three to five years. In support of LBT's strategic priority of 'Improve Safety and Service Quality,' the agency is recommending to replace six computer servers to ensure continuity of LBT's business operations. LBT operates its day-to-day business functions using data centers located at LBT1 and LBT2. LBT1 houses the majority of LBT's network infrastructure.

In 2012, LBT installed six computer servers. The servers are now five years old and need to be replaced. The servers are the hardware machines used to run LBT's software applications. The software applications include: Enterprise Financials; Automatic Vehicle Tracking; Scheduling and Routes; Customer Relations; as well as Email.

PROCUREMENT

LBT issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to several qualified firms. The RFP requires the vendor to be responsible for the procurement of hardware and software, and provide service for installation, configuration and migration from the current servers to the new servers. LBT received two qualified proposals. The proposals were evaluated based on the following criteria: qualifications, experience, proposed implementation plan, equipment technical specification and price.

Sirius Computer Solutions scored the highest rating and was found to be responsive and responsible by LBT's Purchasing department, at a firm fixed price of \$182,400. This is a firm fixed price contract which includes hardware, software, installation, configuration, migration and training.

DBE/SBE PARTICIPATION

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal established for the solicitation was 13 percent. Sirius Computer Solutions did not meet the established DBE goal, nor is it utilizing DBE subcontractors. However, Sirius Computer Solutions successfully established Good Faith

Efforts (GFE) by providing documentation showing efforts made to meet LBT's established DBE requirements.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may choose not to approve the recommendation. However, staff does not recommend this option as LBT would be vulnerable to the malfunction of aging equipment, thus unable to perform its daily business operations.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

Staff is requesting LBT's Board of Directors to authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with Sirius Computer Solutions to replace Long Beach Transit's computer servers' hardware, for a total authorization amount not to exceed \$182,400.

Funds for this project have been identified in the previously approved Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Budget.



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