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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Information Technology

**FROM:** James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer

**MEETING:** April 17, 2023

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of a five year contract with GTS Technology Solutions for Dell Servers, Networking equipment, Microsoft licensing and support through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) in the amount not to exceed \$897,049.57. *(Staff Contact: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer, IT)*

**SUMMARY:**

The Central Square CAD software requires a significant technological backbone to utilize the application and exceeds the server and network capacity available within the city's existing IT infrastructure. Consequently, as part of the CAD project, there are required hardware, networking, and software costs associated with the system's implementation. Portions of the additional components will be placed in the existing Police Department data center and will house the new production environment for the CAD system. Other components will be placed at a new third data center, located at the city service center, which will serve as a fail over for City Hall and Police production data, as well as the production environment for the future Intelligent Traffic System (ITS).

Central Square provided the city with pricing to purchase the hardware and networking equipment necessary to run the system as part of their proposal. BTX-IT compared the Central Square pricing with vendors through the cooperative purchasing agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) and found better hardware and licensing components pricing, with superior maintenance warranties. BTX-IT recommends purchasing the equipment through independent third parties rather than directly through Central Square. As a result, there are various items from multiple cooperative pricing vendors that accompany the CAD software contract which will provide the necessary infrastructure to support the system.

This item will provide for the purchase of Dell servers, networking equipment, and Microsoft Licensing necessary to run the CAD software from GTS. The hardware meets the recommendations of Central Square and comes with a five-year support agreement to ensure the functionality of the hardware.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve the minute order with GTS Technology Solutions
- 2) Deny the contract

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Budgeted Y/N:** Y

**Fund Name:** Support Services Fund

**Full Account #:** 6108001-70030

**Amount:** \$897,049.57

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