



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve purchases in 2018 with SHI for technology hardware and software not to exceed \$100,000.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move the board approve the purchase of technology hardware and software from SHI through 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the board to consider a Finance/Administrative Committee recommendation to approve IT related hardware/software expenditures with a single vendor, SHI, in an amount that would cumulatively exceed the General Manager signature authority but remain under \$100,000 in total.

SHI, the proposed vendor for these purchases, is a vendor on the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) vendor list. The DIR negotiates agreements with vendors for technology services and equipment at preferred pricing. Government entities within Texas can purchase goods and services from these agreements and take advantage of these pre-negotiated prices and services, without conducting a formal procurement process.

The current year-to-date amount of expenditures with this vendor is approximately \$41,000. Staff has identified the need to secure a Palo Alto firewall from SHI in the amount of \$15,577.72. The purchase of this equipment will enhance network security, segmentation, logging, and allow for greater auditing of access to all EAA electronic databases. This equipment consists of a Palo Alto Firewall, Palo Alto Treat Prevention Software, Palo Alto Filtering, licensing and support. Attached to this item is a listing of the equipment, licensing and support that would be purchased.

At the March 27 meeting, the Finance/Administrative Committee voted to recommend the board approve the purchase of technology hardware and software form SHI through 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

M/WBE PARTICIPATION:

SHI is an M/WBE vendor.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:

This agenda item does not relate to a specific goal within the Strategic Plan, but supports the general EAA mission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the 2018 operating budget.