SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-11-098  SUBJECT: Network Infrastructure Upgrades (Phase 2)

COMMITTEE: Finance Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: October 19, 2011

BOARD ACTION DATE: November 16, 2011

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for an amount not to exceed $214,239.28 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority’s network infrastructure. This purchase is provided with pricing under the State of New Jersey WSCA Contract #73979.

PURPOSE: To provide the Authority with the necessary upgrades in support of the Authority’s network infrastructure.

BACKGROUND: In 2003, the Authority entered into a contract to completely upgrade the Authority’s network infrastructure, including the wide area network, local area networks at each facility and the telephone system. That contract provided the Authority with industry leader Cisco Systems switches, routers and voice systems.

At this time, some of the equipment has outlived its useful life and it is now necessary to refresh some of that equipment. The Authority has been advised by Cisco that in early 2011 some of the hardware and software components will reach its “End of Support” and will no longer be supported by Cisco. Because of the obvious criticality in maintaining a working and viable network and to continue receiving support the Authority must proceed with this necessary upgrade. The upgrade will supply the Authority with the latest hardware and software components and more importantly will extend our support with Cisco.

In January of this year, the Board authorized the first phase of this project to replace ageing and obsolete network switches. For this next phase of the project it will be necessary to replace ageing network routers and to upgrade the Authority’s telephone system. Staff recommends that the contract be awarded to ePlus Technology, Inc. who have supplied pricing under the State of New Jersey WSCA Contract #73979.
Staff therefore recommends, negotiating a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $214,239.28 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority’s network infrastructure.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $214,239.28
Source of Funds: 2010 Revenue Bonds (Series D)
Capital Project #: TE1102
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: N/A
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for an amount not to exceed $214,239.28 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority’s network infrastructure.

RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and the Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chair or Vice Chair is absent or unavailable, the remaining Officer may execute the said document(s) on behalf of DRPA along with the Chief Executive Officer. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unavailable, and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s) while they are absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such documents on behalf of DRPA.

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