PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for an amount not to exceed $1,798,064.34 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority’s storage and backup infrastructure. This purchase is provided with pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s COSTARS 3 Hardware contract and COSTARS 6 Software contract.

PURPOSE: To provide the Delaware River Port Authority with upgrades to the storage and backup infrastructure to support the Authority’s critical applications.

BACKGROUND: In 2012, the DRPA upgraded its Hewlett Packard (HP) storage and backup components. At this time, some of the equipment has outlived its useful life and it is now necessary to refresh all of that equipment. As the current equipment ages, maintenance and individual component replacement costs are increasing dramatically every year. Because of the obvious criticality in maintaining a working and viable storage and backup network the Authority must proceed with this necessary upgrade. The upgrade will supply the Authority with the latest hardware and software components, provide improved redundancy of its critical data and drastically reduce support costs over the next five (5) years. It will also put us in a great position for future expansion.
Staff therefore recommends negotiating a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $1,798,064.34 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority’s storage and backup infrastructure.

**SUMMARY:**
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- **Source of Funds:** General Fund
- **Capital Project #:** TEP.01803 & TEP.01507
- **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 $1,798,064.34 for the procurement of hardware and software upgrades to the Authority’s storage and backup infrastructure. This purchase is provided with pricing under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s COSTARS 3 Hardware contract and COSTARS 6 Software contract.

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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