SUMMARY STATEMENT


COMMITTEE: Finance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 3, 2019

BOARD ACTION DATE: April 17, 2019

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc., for an amount not to exceed $188,541.25 for the upgrade of the Authority’s security posture as it relates to secure access by DRPA employees and necessary third parties that access and help support the Authority’s applications. This purchase is provided with pricing under Pennsylvania COSTARS 6 Software contract.

PURPOSE: To provide the Authority with the necessary software upgrades to enhance secure access into the Authority’s network infrastructure.

BACKGROUND: Account management and authentication mechanisms are the primary method for protecting DRPA’s critical data and IT Resources. DRPA provides access to services, applications and data to a diverse workforce of both employees and 3rd parties. Validating user identity is a critical to the organization’s security program and data protection strategy. Expanding the use of multi-factor authentication ensures good security practices that help minimize password breeches and other cyber risk. The latest version of RSA SecureID strengthens and extends access-compliant protection across traditional, web, mobile and SaaS applications while centralizing management.

Centralized authentication management with Cloud services is provided with the implementation of RSA Authentication Manager. This will enhance the existing RSA SecurID Access deployment by making additional authentication methods available. The additional authentication methods create secure access options that are convenient, intelligent and pervasive across all access use cases. Convenient through leveraging mobile devices with the RSA SecurID Authenticate app, instead of the hardware tokens used today. Intelligent with the ability to govern access based on a set of defined criteria such as time, location and device.
Staff, therefore, recommends negotiating a contract with ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $188,541.25 for the upgrade of the Authority’s security posture as it relates to secure access by DRPA employees and necessary third parties that help support the Authority’s applications.

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- Amount: $188,541.25
- Source of Funds: General Fund
- Capital Project #: TEP.01811
- 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 $188,541.25 for the upgrade of the Authority’s security posture as it relates to secure access by DRPA employees and necessary third parties that access and help support the Authority’s applications. This purchase is provided with pricing under Pennsylvania 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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