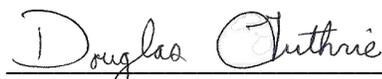


**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY AND
TELECOMMUNICATION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT
CONTRACT VENDORS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,709,000**



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Purpose: The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles ("HACLA") desires to purchase hardware, software and various other technology and telecommunication products and services from a variety of vendors by leveraging existing high-volume, government-procured contracts to support the continued modernization and upgrading of technology platforms and devices.

Issues: Modernization Needs

HACLA requires the periodic purchase of up-to-date computing devices and the necessary technology tools to enable its employees to successfully carry out its business processes. Over time, these types of devices become obsolete, are no longer supported by their manufacturer and need to be replaced with models that have enough capacity to process the increasingly demanding software packages, or need to be upgraded to mitigate discovered security vulnerabilities. This is the case for desktop computers, laptops, mobile devices such as tablets and cell phones altogether totaling approximately 2,000 end-point user devices.

HACLA also requires its server and storage infrastructure to stay current, reliable and secure. This infrastructure holds HACLA's databases, enterprise systems and back-ups. HACLA uses over 200 servers and 315 Terabytes for storage. HACLA needs to replace several servers and storage equipment that have or will surpass their useful life within the next three years. Running these systems with antiquated equipment presents a significant risk since the availability of replacement parts or support from manufacturers diminishes over time. Equipment failure can directly affect HACLA's operations and is therefore prevented by their continual replacement with up-to-date equipment. Wherever deemed necessary, instead of purchasing hardware, HACLA will opt to subscribe to storage services provided via privately hosted ("cloud") servers.

HACLA relies on mainstream productivity software which includes the necessary functionality for everyday tasks or tools that have specific utility, and these also needs to stay current. Standard desktop software used by HACLA includes, but is not limited to, the Microsoft Windows Operating System and its compatible Microsoft

Office Suite (Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, SharePoint, Project Visio, etc.) along with integrated third-party applications such as Adobe, Java and others. Standard infrastructure systems include, but are not limited to, Microsoft Windows Server, VMware, SQL, etc. Web Applications for productivity, document processing, project management and web meetings can serve fulfill requirements for unique utilities. These applications can be provided by Zoom, LogMeIn, Monday.com, Asana, Dropbox, and similar others.

Various other technology and telecommunication products and services are necessary to maximize the use of technology assets. These can include: 1) software maintenance and support which allows for technical resources to assist in troubleshooting incidents and makes available the latest versions of purchased software; 2) hardware maintenance and support which allows for technical resources from the manufacturer to assist in troubleshooting or the replacement of parts as necessary; 3) subscription related services, such as Software as a Service; and, 4) infrastructure as a Service which includes "cloud storage" or hosting offerings for HACLA. All the above-mentioned services can be provided by Microsoft, Amazon, Google, and others. In addition, the connectivity and internet access services which enable devices, such as, cell phones and tablets with the mobility needed for daily tasks can be provided by telecommunication providers such as Spectrum, AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, Starry and others. All these services are necessary for HACLA's operations.

Procurement Options

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) permits and encourages housing authorities to purchase common goods and services that are routine in nature under competitively awarded contracts entered into by other public agencies and purchasing cooperatives through a procedure called "cooperative purchasing" to realize greater economy, efficiencies and reduce costs. The hardware, software and other technology and telecommunication products and services ("IT Products and Services") HACLA desires to purchase are common and routine, and eligible for cooperative purchasing. HACLA, therefore, desires to purchase IT Products and Services through utilization of the following government purchasing contracts: California Multiple Awards Schedule ("CMAS"); OMNIA Partners; Schedule 70 of the U.S. General Services Administration ("GSA"), National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO") ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization, California Network and Telecommunications ("CALNET") and other similar competitively procured contracts.

Using these purchasing contracts enables HACLA to make necessary IT Products and Services purchases while meeting these two procurement objectives: 1) local, county, state and federal agencies nationwide can harness their collective purchasing power and order with confidence to secure the lowest guaranteed pricing; and 2) adherence to the strictest legal standards of government procurement practices and procedures is assured.

Hardware and software purchases will be made on an "as-needed" basis. HACLA's hardware and software purchases utilizing government purchasing contracts for information systems' and devices upgrades is estimated to cost a total of \$5,709,000 through 2025.

Where appropriate or necessary, a copy of each proposed contract will be provided to Legal Counsel and the Contracting Unit for review before purchase orders are issued by HACLA. The Contracting Unit will verify that each contract awarded is in accordance with HACLA's Procurement Policy and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") procurement requirements. Legal Counsel will ensure contracting terms are acceptable.

Vision Plan: PATHWAYS Strategy #5 Optimize technology platforms to enhance customer service and better support program delivery.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT CONTRACT VENDORS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,709,000

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (“HACLA”) periodically requires the acquisition of hardware, software and various other technology and telecommunication products and services as further described in the Report of the President and CEO of the same date herewith (“IT Products and Services”);

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) permits and encourages housing authorities to procure common goods and services that are routine under competitively awarded contracts entered into by other public agencies and purchasing cooperatives through a procedure called "cooperative purchasing" to aggregate volume, enhance their purchasing power, build efficiencies and reduce costs;

WHEREAS, HACLA has determined that purchasing IT Products and Services through cooperative purchasing can harness the purchasing power of purchasing cooperatives and helps HACLA realize greater economies and efficiencies;

WHEREAS, HACLA therefore desires to purchase IT Products and Services through utilization of the following government purchasing contracts: California Multiple Awards Schedule (“CMAS”); OMNIA Partners; Schedule 70 of the U.S. General Services Administration (“GSA”), National Association of State Procurement Officials (“NASPO”) ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization, California Network and Telecommunications (“CALNET”), National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (“NCPA”), and other similar competitively procured contracts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchases of IT Products and Services for the modernization, expansion and refurbishment of HACLA's infrastructure platforms and technology stacks through December 31, 2025, are estimated to total \$5,709,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the President and CEO, or designee, to approve purchases from various government contract vendors for a total amount not to exceed \$5,709,000, for the purchase of IT Products and Services through December 31, 2025, subject to the review and approval by the Contracting Unit and Legal Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

BY: _____
James Johnson, General Counsel

BY: _____
Cielo Castro, Chairperson

DATE ADOPTED: _____