# CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
# AGENDA ITEM
# DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

**DEPARTMENT: Information Technology**

**AGENDA DATE: August 30, 2011**

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Miguel Gamino, IT Director, (915)541-4288**
**Bruce D. Collins, Purchasing Manager, (915) 541-4308**

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All**

**SUBJECT:**
That the Purchasing Manager for Financial Services, Purchasing Division to be authorized to issue a Purchase Order(s) to Hewlett-Packard Company, a Department of Information Resources (DIR) vendor under Contract DIR-SDD-1364. The purchase is for a computer server and other related equipment to use as the underlying equipment platform for the City's updated PeopleSoft Enterprise system.

The City has made the determination that purchasing from this DIR contract offers the most cost-effective pricing for this specialized service. The estimated amount of the purchase is $227,456.07.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**
Information Technology is requesting the purchase of Hewlett-Packard servers, software and support (under the DIR Contract No.DIR-SDD-1364) for the Primary Datacenter and the Disaster Recovery Datacenter to provide the redundant hardware and physical infrastructure platform that will enable the supported, stable and reliable fault tolerant operation of the City's newly re-implemented PeopleSoft Enterprise system.

Under the DIR Contract No.DIR-SDD-1364, Section 4, Pricing, C. 2) Customers purchasing products and services under this Contract may negotiate more advantageous pricing or participate in special promotional offers. As such, the City and County negotiated and were granted special discounts (47 %) off the DIR Contract schedule that resulted in significantly lower prices and include special terms that allow the City and County to customize how the solution is built in the factory, the ordering and delivering of products, and the payment terms of this arrangement. The joint City/County effort to negotiate and purchase identical configured server systems is necessary to ensure operating compatibility of the City/County IT systems and services.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**
Yes.

April 26th, 2011 Items 14B, 14D, AND 14E, for the purchase of HP server equipment, software and support needed to equip the Performance Optimized Datacenter (POD) and additional hardware, software, and implementation services needed for the Momsen-Dunnegan-Ryan Disaster Recovery Datacenter.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**
Department: Information Technology
Amount: $227,456.00
Funds Available: Dept # 14400500, Acct # 508010, Fund # 27051, Project#PCP12IT06
Funds Source: FY 12 - 13 COs CIP PLAN - Data Processing Equipment

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**
N/A

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**********AUTHORIZATION**********

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** _____
Miguel A. Gamiño, Information Technology Director

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**To:** Bruce Collins, Purchasing Manager, (915)541-4308

**From:** Miguel A. Gamino Jr., IT Director, (915)541-4746

**Date:** August 22, 2011

**Re:** Purchase from Hewlett Packard computer server and other related equipment.

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The Information Technology Department recommends authorizing the Purchase Order for the purchase of server equipment and other related equipment to use as the underlying equipment platform for the City's updated PeopleSoft Enterprise system. The contract is using Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract DIR-SDD-1364 for an estimated cost of $ 227,456.07.

1. ***Is there an urgent need for the product/service? In other words, is time of the essence?***
   Yes, the equipment needs to be in place to provide the platform for the re-implementation effort. The implementation vendor will need to start installing the updated version of the PeopleSoft Enterprise application and constructing the databases no later than October 17, 2011.

2. ***Does the purchase through the Program promote the standardization of equipment?***
   Yes, the equipment being purchased is consistent with the other equipment purchased and implemented in the City's datacenter and backup datacenter. The equipment consists of HP blade servers and HP blade centers.

3. ***Does the purchase through the Program support local business? If not, is there a comparable product/service available locally?***
   No, the equipment standard for the City's datacenter and backup datacenter is based on HP blade technology. Therefore, there are no local vendors that can provide comparable products locally.

4. ***Do the available vendors have prior work experience and/or familiarity with the City?***
   Yes, the vendor has worked on various contracts for the Information Technology department of the City.

5. ***Is the pricing reasonable as compared to other similar products/work performed for the City of El Paso in the past or as quoted from other companies?***
   Yes, the prices were reviewed and determined to be reasonable and have been established through the States DIR contract services by using a competitive bidding process in the awarding of the contract. The participation by the City of El Paso in the Texas Department of Information Resources was approved by Mayor and City Council on February 27, 2007. The standard factors used to determine the use of a Cooperative Purchasing program were approved City Council on June 24, 2008.

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