



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order to Dell Marketing L.P. for Replacing Server Equipment (not to exceed \$64,000.00)

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing a purchase order to Dell Marketing L.P. for Server equipment replacement (three servers) for an amount not to exceed \$64,000.00.

Fiscal/Budget Impact: This expenditure is planned for and budgeted in the FY2015 Information Technology Services Fund budget.

Dell servers will be procured under the Midwestern Higher Education Compact Agreement (MHEC), a Governmental Purchasing Alliance (GPA) providing lowest cost purchases for Dell server equipment. Dell, through MHEC, has consistently provided the lowest price for servers and has been providing server equipment to the City of Ann Arbor for over ten (10) years.

Information Technology utilizes “software virtualization” technology and Dell Servers to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the City’s data center by providing, performance, scalability and high availability for City operations within a virtual server environment.

Computing hardware advancements coupled with software virtualization technology allows the City to run a vast majority of mission critical systems (greater than 90%) within a virtual server environment, reducing operational costs and the total number of physical server acquisitions required.

The Dell Servers currently running the City’s virtual server environment are mission critical, nearing end of life, and require replacement. The City’s Technology Plan calls for the replacement of servers after five (5) years of service in accordance with industry best practice.

The accompanying resolution authorizes the creation of a purchase order to Dell in the amount of \$64,000.00 for replacement of server equipment as described above.

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Whereas, The Dell Servers currently running the City’s server virtualization environment are mission critical, nearing end of life, and require replacement;

Whereas, Dell has provided mission critical server equipment to the City of Ann Arbor for over ten (10) years through the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Governmental Purchasing Agreement (GPA); and

Whereas, Funding for this expenditure is planned for and budgeted for in the FY2015 Information Technology Budget;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve a purchase order to Dell Marketing, as a supplier of mission critical server equipment; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this Resolution, including the issuance of a purchase order for the FY 2015 annual service cost in the amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 to be expended without regard to fiscal year.