

City Council Report

Date:	January 27, 2020
To:	City Council
Through:	Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
From:	Edward Quedens, Business Services Director Matt Bauer, Procurement Administrator
Subject:	One-Year Research and Advisory Subscription Service from Info-Tech Research Group Inc. for the Information Technology Department (Citywide)

Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Information Technology Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase using the State of Arizona cooperative contract with Info-Tech Research Group Inc., at \$61,100, based on estimated usage.

Background / Discussion

Info-Tech Research Group provides a research and advisory subscription service to Information Technology (IT) professionals across all major industries, including government. This subscription service helps IT leadership throughout the City in the development of IT strategy and improvement of operational performance. The service will improve the efficiency of IT support through identification and implementation of industry best practices, including data analytics, cybersecurity, and other critical topics.

Included in the service are actionable tools, vendor agnostic information and unlimited direct consultation with subject matter experts that ultimately will enable the City to continuously maintain a handle on what is possible and practical given the state of current and emerging technology.

The Information Technology Department transitioned to Info-Tech Research Group Inc. in 2019 and has been satisfied with the tools available and the subscription services provided.

Purchase Information

Action: Award Procurement Type: Cooperative Contract Use Contract Number: 2019076 Contracting Agency/Contract Number: State of Arizona / ADSPO16-100423 Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method Possible Renewals: None Funding Source: Information Technology Department operating budget