

Management Committee

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Metropolitan Council April 23, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 2, 2008
Subject:	2008 Technology Hardware Replacement Procurement
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000
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Division/Department:	All

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the purchase of up to \$488,000 of personal computer and related hardware in support of Information Systems' (IS) hardware replacement plan.

Background

The Council has adopted a program to replace personal computer workstations, monitors, laptops and printers on a standard rotation – four years for most computers. This replacement plan is consistent with best practice recommendations of the Gartner Group, a respected, leading provider of research and analysis for the information technology industry.

Rationale

Computer technology is constantly improving speed, functionality and capacity. New or upgraded operating systems and applications take advantage of these new capabilities and the newer software may not function on older hardware. The systematic replacement of old hardware allows the Council to even-out costs related to the replacement of personal computers.

The Council's Business Divisions and IS have developed leveling plans to avoid extreme budget fluctuations as a result of the replacement program. Technology hardware not replaced on a rotation, and replaced because it is no longer supported, quits functioning or is incapable of supporting a required application, results in extreme budget fluctuations in years when hardware needs to be replaced, often without prior warning.

Funding

Purchases will generally be made from the State Contract or through a Council-run competitive process. Funding for this hardware is included in the Council's operating budget.

Technology Hardware Replacement 2008

	Count	Cost
Workstations	315	\$ 205,000
Monitors	315	80,000
Laptops	55	94,000
Printers	70	77,000
Hardware Cost		\$ 456,000
Sales Taxes (7%)		32,000
2008 Hardware Refresh Total		\$ 488,000

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition exists.