

M Management Committee
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For the Council Meeting of June 27, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: June 5, 2012
Subject: Authorization to Procure NetApp Storage Equipment
District(s), Member(s):
Policy/Legal Reference:
Staff Prepared/Presented: Dave Hinrichs, CIO (651-602-1443) and Pancho Henderson, IS Manager (651-602-1627)
Division/Department: Information Services

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to procure two NetApp network disk storage systems for the amount of \$340,000.

Background

The Metropolitan Council utilizes a number of network disk storage systems. Two of these systems, located in St. Paul, host shared drives for ES/RA/CD/MTS, and online backups for the Transit shared drives. These systems also host databases for Email, PeopleSoft HR, SharePoint, Trapeze and Metrotransit.org. The Council budgets for the replacement of network equipment every 5 years and this system is scheduled to be replaced.

Other options were considered and it was determined this option was the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

Information Services has upgraded identical storage systems at Metro Transit and this is the next phase in our plan to maintain a reliable storage infrastructure. We need to procure new equipment now, which will result in increased system performance, high-speed 10 GB network connectivity and expansion capability. The latter is important since storage demand has been increasing and we are approaching the expansion limit on our current equipment.

Funding

This upgrade is included in the adopted unified budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.