

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 22, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: April 14, 2009

Subject: Authorization to Execute Contract with Verint Systems, Inc.

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Verint Systems Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,116,000 for the purchase of a digital video system to be installed on up to 257 contracted fixed route and Metro Mobility dial-a-ride vehicles.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Andrew Krueger, Metro Mobility Customer Service Manager, presented this item to the committee. He and Paul Colton, Metro Mobility Senior Manager, answered questions from committee members clarifying the buses to be fitted with these cameras are in the existing fleet and stated that in the future, new buses will have the cameras installed prior to delivery.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Hearing no objection, Chair Meeks stated that this item could move to the full Council as a Consent Item.

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Business Item

Item: 2009-118

Meeting date: April 13, 2008

Council meeting 'April 22, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 3, 2009
Subject: Authorization to Execute Contract with Verint Systems, Inc.
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754)
Gerri Sutton, Asst Director Contract Operations (651-602-1672)
Paul Colton, Senior Manager Metro Mobility (651-602-1668)
Andrew Krueger, Mgr Customer Serv. Metro Mobility (651-602-1679)
Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) and Metro Mobility

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Background

Currently, MTS fixed route services and Metro Mobility buses are not equipped with a camera recording system. In 2007 Metro Transit solicited bids to retrofit 240 buses with an enhanced multi-camera digital recording system to replace its existing VHS tape system. Verint Systems Inc. submitted the lowest bid and was selected by the Council (Item 2007-211). Verint Systems has agreed in a written price quote to provide hardware for up to an additional 257 Council owned vehicles at the 2007 quoted price.

Rationale

Installing the same enhanced digital system currently in use by Metro Transit improves security on regional buses and is a critical tool for evaluating customer and driver issues as well as monitoring contract compliance. This sole source agreement is based on a previous competitively procured contract and allows the Council to have one consistent system. The regional system shall be identical to the one recently installed by Metro Transit to replace its existing VHS recording system. The system will include an appropriate number of cameras (based on vehicle size), wireless download capability at each garage, and Wi-Fi capability for Metro Transit Police to obtain a live video feed when within close proximity to the bus.

Funding

Capital funding, utilizing Regional Transit Capital funds, is outlined in Council Action Item 2008-154 titled "2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment" approved by the Council on June 25, 2008.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.