

Management Committee

Meeting date: June 15, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 31, 2011
Subject:	Approval for Interagency Agreement with State of Minnesota, Office of Enterprise Technology for Computer Room Services
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	
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Division/Department:	All

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to extend the current interagency agreement with the State of Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) for computer hosting services for two years, in the amount of \$490,000.

Background

When the Council moved to its current location in 2006, the decision was made to house the Council's servers with OET, (Business Item 2005-198). The off-site hosting of servers has improved the availability of our servers and increased security over the last 5 years. Our current contract will expire October 3, 2011.

Rationale

Based on the following considerations, we recommend a two year extension of the existing agreement:

- OET is in the process of consolidating services and has issued an RFP for an additional site for server co-location. The co-location option they select may significantly enhance their service options.
- Development of our Continuity of Operations Plans will help inform the Council on the most appropriate course for server hosting to ensure its critical services are available on an ongoing basis.
- Staff will evaluate the Council's hosting options and decide if an RFP is the appropriate course of action to meet its needs for the future.

Funding

Funding is included in our operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

Off-site hosting of Council servers has been beneficial to the Council. There is no known opposition.