

M Management Committee
Meeting date: April 25, 2012
For the Council Meeting of May 9, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 18, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Enter into a Three Year Microsoft License and Support Agreement
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Dave Hinrichs, CIO and Pancho Henderson, IS Manager
Division/Department:	Finance/Information Services

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a three year Microsoft license and support agreement in the amount of \$1,885,000 to cover the period 5/1/2012 to 4/28/2015.

Background

In 2009, the Council decided to discontinue its annual Microsoft support agreement because it had enough perpetual product licenses for several years for Office, Exchange, and Server software. This saved in excess of \$900,000. At the time, it was anticipated that we would have to reenter into another support agreement in 2012.

Rationale

The Council learned that the State of Minnesota negotiated a new Microsoft licensing agreement that took effect in March 2012. This State Contract is available for the Council's use. We evaluated the options available under this agreement and have determined that a three year Enterprise Agreement (EA) is the most cost effective option for an organization as large and complex as the Council. The EA includes Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Access), Client Access Licenses (CALs for SharePoint, Exchange, Server, Forefront Protection Suite, System Center Configuration and Opalis Client), and licenses for the Windows Operating System. The ability to manage mobile devices and virtual machines is improved under this agreement as well.

Entering into this agreement will provide predictable budgeting, software upgrades, and flexibility to use additional software suites that can potentially eliminate other products that we have used.

Funding

The Management Committee approved a 2012 Unified Operating Budget Amendment (item 2012-107) on April 11, that provides the first year funding with General Fund Reserves. Funding for years two and three will be included in the 2013 and 2014 Operating Budgets.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.