

Business Item

Management Committee



Committee meeting date: August 27, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: September 10, 2025

Business Item: 2025-202

Wide Area Network Hosting, Contract 25I067

District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2, Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/department:	Regional Administration/Information Services

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25I067 with the State of Minnesota Information Technology Services (MNIT) to provide data center co-location hosting services in amount not to exceed \$4,948,734.

Background

MNIT provides data center co-location hosting services for the Council. Included with co-location services are physical space leasing at a State of Minnesota data center, rack units, Cloud usage, utilities, environmental controls and security measures. Information Services is requesting approval of a service agreement with MNIT to memorialize the partnership.

Current expenditures for hosting services are approximately \$500,000 annually. These rates are subject to annual or periodic rate adjustments as jointly approved by the State of Minnesota's Chief Information Officer and the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget as part of the rate change process. The not to exceed value is based on a projected term between 2025 and 2032.

Rationale

Council Policy requires Interagency agreements with expenditures valued at greater than \$500,000 be approved by Council.

Thrive lens analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcome of Stewardship and Sustainability by ensuring reliability, resilience, security and cost-effectiveness of the Council's computers, servers and cloud services.

Funding

Funding for this enterprise agreement is included in the Information Services operating budget.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal as this contract will be procured utilizing an interagency agreement with MNIT.

