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SUBJECT: **RFP NO. 2019-178 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR STRUCTURED CABLING MATERIALS AND SERVICES - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER CONTRACT TERMS**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award RFP No. 2019-178, Annual Contract for Structured Cabling Materials and Services, for Information Technology, to the following vendors at the per contract terms:

Primary ABLe Communications, Inc.
Secondary Network Cabling Services, Inc.

BACKGROUND:

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Four hundred thirty-two (432) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this proposal process. All documents pertaining to this RFP were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested parties. A pre-proposal conference held on June 5, 2019 was attended by eleven (11) vendors as well as representatives from Information Technology and Purchasing. Five (5) proposals were received.

Proposals were evaluated by Information Technology and Purchasing representatives. Evaluations were based upon the criteria and processes set forth in the RFP. E2 Optics, LLC was deemed non-responsive for failure to submit proof of having an Ortronics Certified Installer Plus certification as required. The top two (2) scoring vendors were then requested to submit a Best and Final Offer (BAFO). The Best and Final Offer resulted in no change in pricing.

The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective October 14, 2019, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Information Technology and Purchasing that RFP No. 2019-178, Annual Contract for Structured Cabling Materials and Services, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per contract terms.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY:	Gwen Peterson, C.P.M.,A.P.P
		APPROVED BY:	



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FISCAL IMPACT:

Annual expenses are estimated to be approximately \$500,000.00. Materials and services are provided on an as-needed basis.