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SUBJECT: **RFP NO. 2016-175 - 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. 2016-175, 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	Superior Fiber and Data 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. One hundred nineteen (119) 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 July 8, 2016 was attended by eight (8) vendors as well as representatives from Information Technology and Purchasing. Seven (7) 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. The proposal received from General Datatech, L.P. and Wachter, Inc. were deemed non-responsive for failure to submit a signed Addendum and failure to submit proof of being an Ortronics Certified Installer Plus in the State of Texas. The proposal received from Real Network Services, Inc. was deemed non-responsive for failure to submit the required number of references and failure to submit proof of being an Ortronics Certified Installer Plus in the State of Texas.

The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective October 14, 2016, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

SUBMITTED BY: Purchasing

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APPROVED BY:



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Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Information Technology and Purchasing that RFP No. 2016-175, Annual Contract for Structured Cabling Materials and Services, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per contract terms.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Expenses from last year are approximately \$628,000.00. Materials and services are provided on an as-needed basis.